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Legal Notices.

GEORGE BALL, DECEASED.—Pursuant to the Act of Parliament 22 and 23 Victoria, cap. 35, intituled "An Act to further amend the law of Property and to relieve trustees," NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all creditors and other persons having any claims or demands upon or against the Estate of GEORGE BALL, late of Linthorpe, near Middlesbrough, in the County of York, Brick Manufacturer and Builder, deceased (who died on the 18th day of [illegible] 1891, and whose Will was proved in the York District Registry of the Probate Division of Her Majesty's High Court of Justice, on the 6th day of February 1891, by George Ball, of 100, Prospect-street, [illegible], Architect; and James Henry Ball, [illegible] Grocer, the executors therein named), are hereby required to send in particulars in writing of their claims and demands to me, the undersigned, the Solicitor for the said executors, on or before the 10th day of March, 1891, after which date the said executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased amongst the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims and demands of which they shall then have had notice, and the said executors will not be liable or accountable for the assets, or any part thereof, so distributed to any person of whose debt or claim they shall not then have had notice.

Dated this 11th day of February, 1891.

ROBERT TURNBULL,
60, Albert-road, Middlesbrough,
Solicitor to the said executors.

Public Notices.

AFTERNOON EXCURSION—from the Hartlepools, North Stockton, &c., to LEEDS, on SATURDAY, February 28th. See bills. 27

NORTH-EASTERN RAILWAY. FEBRUARY 28TH. AN EXCURSION TRAIN will leave Barnard Castle at [illegible], with bookings from Cockfield, Evenwood, Bishop Auckland, Shildon, Darlington, &c., for LEEDS.

FOOTBALL MATCH AT NEWCASTLE. MIDDLESBROUGH v. NEWCASTLE WEST END. AN EXCURSION TRAIN will leave Eston Grange at 12.50 p.m., with bookings from South Bank, Middlesbrough, and Stockton, for NEWCASTLE.

FOOTBALL MATCH AT DARLINGTON. IRONOPOLIS v. DARLINGTON. AN EXCURSION TRAIN will leave Middlesbrough at [illegible] p.m. for DARLINGTON. For particulars see bills. 27

MIDDLESBROUGH AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB.—The Club year commences MONDAY, March 2nd. Ladies and gentlemen desirous of learning swimming under professional tuition should give their names to the Hon. Secs. Ladies' section, Miss Farrow, 56, Hartington-road; gentlemen's section, Mr M. Jefferson, 7, Grange-road West. 4

TO FARMERS, HORSE DEALERS, AND OTHERS. BOROUGH OF DARLINGTON. ANNUAL MARCH FAIR, 1891. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that this Annual March Fair will be held on MONDAY, March 2nd. (By order) F. T. STEAVENSON, Town Clerk. Town Hall, Darlington, 24th February, 1891.

TEMPERANCE HALL, DOVECOT-STREET, STOCKTON. HERR COHEN will attend in his rooms daily from 10 to 1.30, 3 to 5, and 7 to 9, A FEW DAYS LONGER, for the Sale of his PATENT MEDICAL CURATIVE COIL. Note: Entrance to Herr Cohen's Rooms by side door only: Prince Regent-street. 28

STEAMER BEAR RELIEF FUND.—The steamer Bear, of Middlesbrough, was run down in the Firth of Forth on Sunday, January 11th, and as there are twelve Widows and about thirty-eight Orphans of the crew left unprovided for, a large and influential Committee has been formed for the purpose of raising a Fund for the relief of such of them as it may in the opinion of the Committee be necessary to relieve. Believing the object to be a thoroughly deserving one, the Committee earnestly hope that the public of Middlesbrough, Whitby, Filey, and Kirkwall will co-operate in carrying the movement to a successful issue. Subscriptions will be gratefully received by any of the Committee or by the undersigned. M. C. COLLINGWOOD (Mayor), Treasurer. ALFRED SOCKETT, Honorary Secretary. Municipal Buildings, Middlesbrough, January, 1891.

THEATRE ROYAL, MIDDLESBROUGH. THIS WEEK:—Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday — FALLEN AMONG THIEVES. Thursday—A RING OF IRON. Friday—MARRIED NOT MATED. Saturday—THE LAND OF THE LIVING. Monday, March 2nd, 1891, Augustus Harris's Burlesque Company in VENUS.

OXFORD PALACE, Middlesbrough.—This Week:—Miss Billee Barlow, the Leading Burlesque Artiste of the Day; Mr George Fredericks, The Malatos, The Sisters Bristol, Mr J. P. Curlett, Messrs Salvo, and Louise, Miss Dot Hetherington, Florence, the Boy Wonder.

GAIETY THEATRE, West Hartlepool.—This Week—KING and CHRISTENSEN's famed OPERA COMPANY.

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[illegible] year of Professional Visits to the North. [illegible] EYE AND EAR DISPENSARY. Open daily 10 to 6. (Estb. 1871.) MR G. MITCHELL, Oculist and Aurist. Attendance at North-Eastern Hotel, Darlington, Monday, March 2. Black Lion Hotel, Stockton, Wednesday, Feb. 25. Three Tuns Hotel, Durham, Saturday, Feb. 28. Corporation Hotel, Middlesbrough, Saturday, March 7. Railway Hotel, Northallerton, Wednesday, Mar. 4. [illegible] Hotel, Malton, Feb. 24. [illegible] 11 to 4. Hours at Middlesbrough: 12 to 4. [illegible] fitted from 20s. Spectacles, &c., supplied.

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NOTICE OF REMOVAL. WILLIAM TENNET, INCORPORATED ACCOUNTANT, [illegible] ALBERT-ROAD, will shortly Remove to more commodious premises at 56, CORPORATION-ROAD, MIDDLESBROUGH. Books Debts Purchased. TRADE BILLS DISCOUNTED.

JOHN HARLAND, late of the George Hotel, Stockton-street, Middlesbrough, has taken the Britannia Inn, Thornaby-road, South Stockton, where he will be pleased to meet old and new friends. Ales, Spirits, and Wines of the best quality. M9

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FOR Veal, Pork, Mutton, and Beef try T. Sedgwick's, 40, Newport-road, Middlesbrough. 27

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LOST, between Eaglescliffe and Saltburn, Edgeworth's "Helen," labelled York Library; carriage paid if returned. Overton, Saltburn. 2

FOUND, Rough Hair Fox Terrier Pup; white, with tan ears. Apply 19, Hill-street, Stockton. 28

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Publications.

IRON, an Illustrated Weekly Journal of Science, Metals, and Manufactures in Iron and Steel. Edited by PERCY F. NURSEY, C.E. Contents of No. 954, February 27, 1891.—The Country's Backbone; Iron Trade Summary; The "Trusty" Gas Engine (illustrated); Stewart's "Rapid" Cupola and [illegible] (illustrated); The Livet Furnace System; Recent Improvements in German Steel [illegible] and Rolling Mills (illustrated); The Iron and Ore Resources of Virginia; The Production of Bessemer Steel in 1890; The American Iron Trade (by cable); Iron and Coal Trade Reports from the Provinces and Abroad, &c. Price [illegible] Published every Friday at 161, Fleet-street, [illegible]

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AGENCY for Servants, Miss Wright, Derby House, Hartington-road, Stockton. Good situations.

AGENCY for Servants.—Miss Hayllar, 9, Bridge-road, Stockton. Good Servants Wanted.

AGENCY for Servants: Mrs Rudd, 33, Mandale-road, South Stockton. Moderate terms.

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BLACKSMITH Wanted; must be good horse-shoer; constant work. Apply Geo. Readman, Smith, &c., Danby End, Grosmont. 2

BOYS.—Apprentices Wanted, Curreying Department. J. Robinson, Leather Merchant, Middlesbrough. 27

CANVASSERS Wanted; liberal terms to good men. Apply 95, Newgate-street, Bishop Auckland. 28

CLOTHING.—Two pushing Men, as Junior and Second, Wanted. Stewart's, Clothiers, Middlesbrough. 28

COOK (good) Wanted immediately. Apply Mrs Putnam, Thorn Lea, Darlington. 27

COOK (plain) Wanted for Business House. Apply Housekeeper, Carter and Co., Stockton. 28

COOKS, Housemaids, and Generals Wanted at once. £10 to £20. Mrs Pluse, 71, Linthorpe-rd., M'bro'.

COOK (good, plain) Wanted immediately; two in family; no washing. Miss Hayllar's Registry, Bridge-road, Stockton. 28

COOK (experienced) Wanted, age 25 to 30; assistance given. Mrs G. Pyman, Rose Bank, West Hartlepool. 30

COOK.—Wanted immediately, good plain Cook for Ferryhill; knowledge of dairy preferred. Cooks, Generals, Nurse, and Housemaids for district. Mrs Reid, 26, Newcomen-street, Redcar. 28

COLLECTOR-SALESMEN Wanted; sharp, intelligent Young Men with good references; exceptional terms to men of good ability. Apply, by letter, giving 3 first-class references, The Singer Manufacturing Co., 60, Newport-road, Middlesbrough. 7

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DRESSMAKER (live out) Wanted; competent hand; take charge of workroom; age, salary, &c. Baker and Sons, Guisborough. 28

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GROCERY.—Wanted, smart Youth, one or two years' experience. Address Y16, "Gazette" Office, Middlesbrough. 27

GENERAL Servant (good) Wanted. Apply 3, Westbourne-street, Stockton. 2

GENERAL Servant (good) Wanted at once. Apply Mrs Middleton, Royal Hotel, Brotton. 28

GENERAL Servant Wanted; good plain cook. Apply Mrs Hall, Cambridge-terrace, Norton. 2

GENERAL Servant (good) Wanted, not under 20; able to bake and wash; country girl preferred. Apply Mrs Middleton, Green Tree Inn, Stockton. 27

GENERAL Servant (experienced) Wanted; good references required. Mrs Dunbavand, The Park, West Hartlepool. 3

GENERAL Servant and Kitchenmaid Wanted. Apply Mrs Davison, Registry, 73, Corporation-road, Middlesbrough.

GENERAL Servant (experienced) who can undertake entire management. Apply, with particulars, Miss Wright's, Derby House, Stockton. 2

GENERAL Servant Wanted for Thornley Colliery Inn; age not under 20. Apply Mrs Mowbray, Thornley. 5

GENERAL Servant Wanted at once; not under 20; country preferred. Apply 6, Woodlands-terrace, Middlesbrough. 28

GENERAL Servant (good) Wanted, about 20 to 24; must be able to wash and bake well; good wages to an experienced girl. Apply at the "Gazette" Office, Middlesbrough. 28

GENERAL Servant Wanted; housemaid kept. Apply, with reference, Mrs Kay, Rockside, Hartlepool. 28

GIRL (strong) Wanted, age about 17. Apply Mrs Roberts, Stapylton Villas, South Bank. 27

GIRL (good, strong) Wanted; no cooking required; state age and how long in last situation. Address letters to N32, "Gazette," Office, Middlesbrough. 28

HARMONIUMIST Wanted for St. John's Church, South Bank. Apply Rev. R. Roberts, Stapylton Villas. 3

HOUSEMAID Wanted at once. Apply Mrs Carter, West End-terrace, Yarm-lane, Stockton. 27

HOUSEMAID for two in family; also, several Cooks, Generals, and Nurse-Housemaids Wanted for the term. County Registry, Charles-street, West Hartlepool.

HOUSEKEEPER Wanted, age about 40, for a working man and family of two sons; good home. Address G23, "Gazette" Office, Middlesbrough.

HOUSEKEEPER-COOK Wanted; also, strong, steady Girl as Wardmaid; good wages. Apply Convalescent Home, Coatham, Redcar. 2

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MAN Wanted as Basket and Hamper Maker. Apply Wallis, Manufacturer, 15, Cannon-street, Middlesbrough. 27

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NURSE (experienced) Wanted; under nurse kept. Apply Mrs T. G. Fawcett, Yarm-on-Tees. 4

NURSE (good) Wanted, about 18; must be fond of children, and of good character. Apply by letter, with references, to P6, "Gazette" Office, M'bro. 3

OFFICE Boy Wanted; must know town well. Mr Taylor, 85, Albert-road, Middlesbrough. 27

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SCHOOLROOM-MAID Wanted immediately; age about 18; must be able to do plain sewing. Apply to Mrs W. M. Watson, St. John's House, Stockton. 28

TAILORS (reliable, steady) Wanted. G. Etheridge, 65a, High-street, Stockton. 27

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TO PAINTERS.—Wanted, a first-class Writer and Grainer; constant work and good wage guaranteed. J. Boanson, 57, Church-street, West Hartlepool. 2

TRAVELLER Wanted for the oil trade; must have experience and connection. State particulars to H.S., "Gazette" Office, Middlesbrough. 3

WAITRESS.—Experienced Commercial-room Waitress Wanted. Apply, with references, Mrs Samuel, Station Temperance Hotel, West Hartlepool. 3

WANTED, a Housemaid. Apply Mrs Ridley, Bank, Hartlepool. 27

WORKING Housekeeper for Butcher Wanted immediately; wages £15. Apply, with particulars, Miss Wright's Agency, Stockton. 2

YOUTH (strong) Wanted for Horse and Warehouse. C. Brown, Grocer, High-street, Stockton. 27

YOUTH (clean, strong) Wanted; age 15 or 16. Apply Albany Temperance Hotel, Middlesbrough. 27

YOUTH (respectable) Wanted as apprentice; also, Sharp door Boy for Saturdays. Apply G. Pottage, Middlesbrough. 28

YOUTH Wanted, about 15 or 16 years of age, for a Shipping Office; must be good writer. Address, naming salary expected, M16, "Gazette" Office, Middlesbrough. 27

YOUNG Man (active) Wanted, to attend to pony and trap and make himself generally useful; one thoroughly accustomed to the work; with good character. Apply R. Conway, North Ormesby. 28

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COMFORTABLE Lodgings for a respectable Working Man; no family. Apply Box 14, "Gazette" Office, Stockton. 28

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JOINER'S Shop and House For Sale; also, a number of Cottages. Robert Sweeting, Newport-road, Middlesbrough. 15

JOINER'S Shop and House, and House and Shop adjoining; in good business part of Stockton. Address A.B., "Gazette" Office, Stockton. 4

LAND.—Several Plots For Sale, suitable for small houses in Ewbank-street, Mansfield-street, and Egglestone-terrace, Stockton-on-Tees. Apply Mr Geo. Fletcher, Architect, Stockton. 3

LAND.—For Sale, cheap, a quantity of Building Land in Buck and Robinson Streets; suitable for workmen's cottages; in lots to suit purchasers. Apply to W. D. Thompson, 73, Grange-road East, Middlesbrough. 28

MELROSE House, Linthorpe, For Sale; 8 rooms and bath-room; greenhouse and one acre of garden, well laid out and planted; also, 800 yards grass land, or thereabouts. Apply to Mrs Barron, on the Premises. M19

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PARTY POSITIONS AND PROSPECTS.

In pre-reform days the franchise extension was advocated—certainly it was dreaded by its opponents—as a means to the overthrow of the ascendency of the Tory party. Neither these hopes nor these fears have been realised. Undoubtedly the relations of the Tory party to all questions affecting popular interests and rights have been greatly modified, if not indeed revolutionised. In a certain sense, and to a certain extent, Toryism has been democratised. It recognises that it is no longer the master, but the servant, of the people. It shows its natural unfriendliness still by abstaining from the initiation of reform movements, by discouraging their public agitation, and by resisting remedial legislation as much and as long as it can without losing credit with the masses of the people. But it yields under pressure, and in thus yielding it makes a virtue of necessity. It claims whatever popular credit may be obtainable for passing into law measures it formerly opposed; and, secure alike of the acquiescence of the House of Lords, though it may be sullenly rendered, and of the Liberal party in the House of Commons as genuine friends of reform, it is able to make a show of practical legislative results, which deceives unthinking people as to the comparative value of the claims made by the rival parties to popular approval and confidence.

Whatever may be the cause—whether it be due to the party strategy just described, or to a real and widespread reaction in favour of the Tories springing from a desire to hold the democracy in check—the fact remains that since the Franchise Act of 1867, establishing household suffrage in the boroughs, the party which feared obliteration as the outcome of popular voting has gained immensely at the expense of the Liberals in the political representation of the English boroughs. Whereas the representation of the city of London was once uniformly Liberal, it is now wholly Tory. The time was when, under the £10 suffrage, only one Tory could find a seat in the whole metropolitan district, while now, under household suffrage, of 59 members returned by the metropolitan boroughs only 11 are Liberals, and 44 are Conservatives, with 4 Liberal Unionists added. Manchester (with Salford) was wont to be a Liberal stronghold; but now, of 9 members returned by the home of the Free Trade party, 6 are supporters of the present pronouncedly Tory Ministry. Birmingham, which succeeded Manchester as a national Liberal centre, and whose representation—with one single brief exception during the Free Trade struggle—was wholly Liberal from 1832 to 1886, is now entirely given over to the support of Lord Salisbury and Mr Balfour. In Liverpool and Birkenhead the Conservative ascendency has been strengthened and not weakened under household suffrage, and of their 10 members now sitting in the House 8 are Conservatives. Leeds just succeeds in maintaining the balance in favour of the Liberals; while Sheffield, which has always been more uncertain than Leeds, makes up to the Tories the deficiency for which its more Liberal neighbour is responsible. In short, the Liberals do not at the present moment possess a third of the political representation of the greater English boroughs, in which it was generally assumed the establishment of household suffrage would make them supreme. Along with this startling fact, take this other, that the counties, formerly the strongholds of Toryism, have under household suffrage become unexpectedly Liberal.

Various explanations of the political phenomena just described may be given. But limiting our view for the present to the Liberal losses in the English boroughs, we are inclined to attribute the chief cause to the halting and disappointing character of official Liberalism up to 1885. Shackled by the traditions of old Whiggism, and by the influence of the Whig chiefs, the popular party leaders and guides failed fully to realise the significance of the electoral change effected by household suffrage, and neglected to adapt their political programme to the wants and wishes of the newly-enfranchised borough householders. They just missed the tide which ought to have led their party on to fortune But a radical change has now taken place. After the election of 1885, or rather perhaps after the completion of the popular enfranchisement by the extension of household suffrage to the counties, Mr Gladstone determined to liberate the party from the chilling and restraining influence of the Whig traditions, and to break himself free from the control of the Whig chiefs, just as twenty years before he had joyfully cast off the chains which his Parliamentary connection with Oxford, as a Churchman, had imposed. "I am come among you unmuzzled," said Mr Gladstone when he sought election in Lancashire after his defeat at Oxford; and his Home Rule policy, proclaimed in recognition of, and in response to, the constitutionally presented demand of the Irish people, was simply a further development of the unmuzzling process. His Whig associates have long feared that he would throw himself into the hands of the Advanced Liberals or Radicals. Some of them thought the beginning of the Mid-Lothian campaign would mark the date of the freer and fuller Liberal policy, and, discouraging Mr Gladstone's candidature in the premier county of Liberal Scotland openly, advocated the putting of the drag on the Liberal coach. In 1886, however, they clearly perceived that their power to hold back the great Liberal leader had departed from them, and they went into opposition. The portion of the Liberal Press that for years has been similarly engaged in repressing rather than stimulating the reforming zeal of "the men in earnest," went into opposition too; and the marvel is that in the presence of the distractions caused by party divisions, and the failure of proper guidance from old and long-trusted journalist teachers, the Liberal party did not sustain even a much severer defeat than that which it was its misfortune to experience. The general election of 1886 caught the Liberal party in an internal crisis caused by a necessary adjustment of its policy to the conditions of political life as altered by the enfranchising Acts of 1867 and 1884. That readjustment did not originate any drift towards Toryism. It simply disclosed the drift which had been in progress for a number of years, weakening the Liberal party as an agency of reform, and injuring its character as the true friend and champion of the democracy. As Mr Gladstone himself clearly discerned and proclaimed, the new policy drew a sharp and definite distinction between the interests of the classes and the interests of the masses, and with a greater fulness than ever before identified Liberalism and the Liberal party with the democratic doctrine of the greatest good of the greatest number.

The adoption of an apparently sympathetic attitude towards the rights and claims of labour by the Tory party, as illustrated by the appointment of a Committee of investigation regarding overwork on railways and the issue of a Royal Commission to examine the whole question of the relations of capital and labour, is obviously a strategic device to divert the current of popular sympathy and expectation set in motion by the popular programme of the Liberal party. Possibly the Tories may gain something by their strategy. Certainly they would have gained more if they had identified themselves cordially with the democratic course marked out by Lord Randolph Churchill when he was their Chancellor of the Exchequer, and when two or three years ago, as a free independent member, he preached the gospel of economy and retrenchment and of social melioratory legislation. But probably it will be found that the conversion of the Ministerialists to a democratic programme has come too late to be regarded by the working class electors as other than a death-bed repentance; and that the mass of the borough electors, when next they tender their votes, will judge Tory pretensions and promises in the light of the pitiless and mean Coercionist policy which they have maintained during the past five years, in defiance of the most solemn hustings pledges in 1886. If they do this, and if the Liberal programme of reform be energetically and earnestly placed before the electors, both in the boroughs and in the counties, the Liberal party will be given even a more commanding majority than they obtained in 1885 before the occurrence of the split on Irish Home Rule. Certainly, in the metropolitan area, and in the large towns, the Liberal reformers have a large field to work upon; and if they utilise it as they ought, and at the same time retain the hold of the counties they established in 1885, with the aid to a large extent, it is only fair to say, of Mr Chamberlain's unauthorised programme, they will once again make Liberal supremacy in the United Kingdom independent of the Liberal majorities sent by Scotland and Wales, and of the Home Rule majority sent by Ireland. The forthcoming election will decide whether or not England is prepared to rank itself alongside of the other members of the United Kingdom as an upholder of Liberal and democratic principle and legislation; and the Liberal organisers and leaders seem more confident of a triumphant victory than ever they were when working in agreement with the masterful Whig allies of former days.

THERE is some danger that the cause of the Silksworth miners will be prejudiced in the public mind by the occurrence of such turbulent scenes as those which took place on Wednesday and yesterday. But it should be borne in mind that the disturbers of the peace are not the Silksworth villagers, nor even Durham miners, but mainly the crowd of sympathisers from Sunderland. The mode in which the visitors are expressing their disapproval of the conduct of the Owners' Association and of the deputies is ill-fitted to advance the interests of the people whom they wish to befriend.

THE constitution of the Select Committee on Overwork on Railways is by no means reassuring. Seven members, or nearly one-third, are railway directors. This, of course, may imply on their part the advantage of familiarity with the subject. But it also suggests the possibility of bias, both in the examination of witnesses and in arriving at conclusions on the evidence submitted. Nearly all the important railway companies will be represented on the Committee. With what confidence will any employee of any of these companies come forward to give his evidence before the Committee, subject to cross-examination on the misdeeds of his employers by a man who has the power of procuring his dismissal, or at all events of influencing his prospects of advancement for good or evil? Since the Government named their Committee Mr Smith has agreed to modify its constitution to the extent of consenting that another representative of labour and another representative of capital should be added.

THE Unionist Press of Scotland, using for their purpose several short-sighted and impulsive Liberals, have been endeavouring to drive Sir Charles Tennant out of political life because of his association with the directorate of the North British Railway during the recent strike, while, of course, taking no notice of the responsibility of Tory directors for the policy of resistance to the demands of the strikers. Fortunately, the somewhat shameless attempt has failed. Sir Charles has, at the earnest and united request of the Liberal party in Peebles and Selkirk, withdrawn his resignation of his candidature for the representation of the united counties; and after a little discussion, which elicited the gratitude and toleration of the many, and the disaffection of the few, the Central Liberal Association of Glasgow has unanimously re-elected him to the office of chairman. Few men in Scotland have done more for the Liberal party in Scotland, and received for it so little in return, as Sir Charles Tennant; and the party of progress and reform can at the present juncture ill afford to loose his generous and disinterested services.

THE nineteenth annual report of the United Pattern-makers' Association, which has just been issued, shows a total income for 1890 of £4,900 14s 3d, and a total expenditure of £3,104 13s 3½d, leaving a gain of £1,796 0s 11½d to be added to the cash balance, which now stands at £8,803 0s 4½d, or £3 19s 10d per member. Mr W. Mosses, the general secretary, prefaces the report with an interesting and, on the whole, encouraging survey of trade developments during the past year, as they affect the pattern-makers. Mr Mosses adverts with gratification to the fact that, though from various causes many of the members of the Society had been thrown out of work during the year, the Society had been able to obtain re-employment for them without any great delay. Both membership and funds continue to increase, and the general secretary adds:—"We occupy a position to-day which only a very few years ago many of us thought we would never attain. Our constant endeavour should be to prove ourselves worthy of the Society to which we belong; every individual member should bear himself as if the honour and progress of the Society were dependent upon himself alone. We have long ago outlived the jeers and calumnies which assailed our birth and early days, and we have now attained to a position which should make every eligible pattern-maker in the kingdom proud of association in our ranks."

A LARGE contingent of members of Parliament found in delightful weather a pleasant outing to Portsmouth yesterday on the occasion of the great function performed by the Queen in naming the Royal Sovereign and the Royal Arthur. It must have been a most agreeable change after the experiences of the earlier days of the week at Westminster, when the Houses of Parliament were wrapped in fog of the densest, blackest, most choking consistency. It may, however, be open to question whether the little holiday trip will quite reconcile members to the unpleasant fact that the Naval Estimates for the coming year show a very large increase, and will cut off something like £600,000 from Mr Goschen's available surplus. The Civil Service Estimates are also heavier than last year by close upon £400,000, so that if it were not for a reduction of nearly £300,000 on the Army Estimates the Chancellor of the Exchequer would have a million extra to provide for. Fortunately the revenue continues to progress by leaps and bounds. Mr Goschen is one of the victims of the fog, and is laid up at home by a severe cold. It must be great matter of consolation to him in his retirement to know that the British artisan is doing his duty, and is steadily drinking up something like an adequate provision for free education. The Excise returns are already within a few hundred thousands of the enormous revenue, Mr Goschen estimated from that source a year ago, and at the close of the present week will probably have overtopped the sum required, with a month of the financial year to spare.

LONDON NOTES.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE AND EXTRACTS, &c.]
LONDON, Friday.

Our Special Parliamentary Correspondent writes:—In more ways than one the week has not been a comfortable one for the Treasury Bench. Mr Gladstone's speech on the subject of Welsh Disestablishment last Friday, followed by a surprisingly close division, was rather disquieting. The event is universally recognised as the knell of the Establishment in Wales, and in view of that fact the long debate on the Tithes Bill becomes altogether vanity. Then, notwithstanding the absence of nearly the entire body of Irish Nationalist members in Ireland, progress in Supply is by no means what Ministers wish, and it seems doubtful whether the Irish Land Purchase Bill can be reached before Easter.

On Wednesday the Government was run very close on Dr. Cameron's Parochial Boards Bill. The object of this measure is to substitute the principle of one man one vote for the system of plural voting now in vogue in the election of Guardians of the poor. For their fatuous opposition to this constitutional measure, and their disregard of the obvious preponderance of Scottish feeling, the Government were punished by the reduction of their majority to 26. The Lord Advocate delivered an exceedingly injudicious speech. He admitted that the plural vote on the election of the Poor Law Guardians was an anomaly in the presence of the fact that Municipal Councils and so forth are elected on the one man one vote principle. But, he added, it would be dangerous to give poor voters too much power of voting money for the relief of the poor.

The argument is precisely the same which Mr Lowe elaborated in an epigramatic speech delivered twenty-five years ago against Mr Gladstone's Bill to extend the borough franchise to £6 householders. Mr Lowe's speech was regarded at the time as exceedingly offensive, and Mr Bright suggested that it should be printed in a little handbill, and posted in every workshop, with no friendly purpose towards its author. Experience has proved that Mr Lowe's fears were entirely beside the mark. So are Mr Robertson's. In point of fact, the "poor" voters, as the Lord Advocate calls the working classes, so far from being influenced by the strong desire of overtaxing the rich, where they are able to send direct representatives to Town Councils or to Parliament, choose men who are distinguished by keeping a very watchful eye upon the estimates. The wage-earners, who know how much work goes to the winning of a shilling, have very little sympathy with malingerers. Besides, they can hardly be suspected of the foolishness of cutting off their noses to spite their faces, which is exactly what they would be doing if they voted extravagant relief to their less fortunate neighbours as a tax upon the rich, since they could only do so by also putting an extra tax upon themselves.

There was long ago published in *Punch* a cartoon at the expense of Little Johnny Russell, who wrote "No Popery" on a door, and then ran away. This is exactly what Lord Randolph Churchill has done. He has chalked up "A Labour Programme" on the Ministerial doorway, and the next we hear of him is that he is busy in his preparations for a journey of indefinite duration in Mashonaland, in quest of gold. He does not approve of the Government violation of its pledges on the subject of Local Government for Ireland, and he cannot support the Irish Land Purchase Bill unless it is accompanied by a measure of Local Government, which would make the Irish ratepayers responsible for the working of the measure. He will not trouble the Government, however, but quietly go away as far out of reach as possible that he may not trouble them nor be further irritated by their blunders, nor be led into the temptation of doing or saying something which might stand against his future leadership of the party.

The arrangements for the summer meeting of University Extension students, which will be held as usual in Oxford during the whole of August, are nearly completed. Lady students will be received at Somerville and Lady Margaret Halls, and fifty male students at Keble College.

Mr Leng intends to enlarge the scope of his enquiries as to the employment of women by the State, and he proposes to put in a claim for the employment of women as inspectors of schools. It is to be presumed that more than half the children in our public elementary schools are girls, and yet, strange as it may appear, it is the fact that not a single female inspector exists from one end of the country to the other. Fancy men inspectors reporting on needlework and sewing!

Much curiosity has been expressed concerning the famous Home Rule letter which Mr Parnell wrote to Mr Cecil Rhodes. It has been suggested time and again that if Mr Parnell does not publish the full text of the letter Mr Cecil Rhodes should. Mr Cecil Rhodes explains that the letter is not now in his possession; that at Mr Parnell's request he forwarded it to that gentleman some time ago. Consequently, adds Mr Cecil Rhodes, even if he thought it his duty to publish the letter he could not do so.

The Queen has commanded the appearance of the company playing in the "Gondoliers" at the Savoy Theatre. The last Royal command of the kind to appear at Windsor Castle was nine or ten years ago, when the "Colonel," under the management of Mr Edgar Bruce, proved such a success. Sir Arthur Sullivan, who is at the present time at Monte Carlo, it is expected, will come over to conduct the orchestra of the Savoy Company at Windsor on the 6th March, the day appointed for the performance.

At the meeting of the National Rifle Association the report of the Council came as a surprise to many of the members who had expected to find, after last year's meeting at Bisley, a very serious deficit in the accounts. The report was well received, and the statements that the firing points had been improved, and that orthoptic sights would be permitted, put the members into very good humour. Regret was expressed that Lord Wantage had resigned the chairmanship of the Council, but a capable successor has been found in Earl Waldegrave.

Now that the Sunday Closing Bill has been practically shelved for the session the temperance party are beginning to bestir themselves on behalf of Mr Bowen Rowland's Liquor Traffic Local Veto (Wales) Bill, which stands as the first order for second reading on Wednesday, March 18. Very great interest appears to be taken in the principle of this bill in the different parts of the United Kingdom, and if the temperance electors are as active in support of it as they were in support of the Sunday Closing Bill we shall probably witness on March 18 one of the most interesting and important divisions of the session.

It is satisfactory to know that the electric railway from Clapham-road to the city has proved an unqualified success. Nearly a million passengers have been carried with perfect safety during the two months it has been in operation, and the capacity of electricity as a motive power has been so abundantly demonstrated that it can only be a question of time, when for short distances, at least, it will be almost universally employed. The electric railway has passed out of the experimental stage, and when it is remembered that twelve years have not elapsed since the possibilities of such a line were first proved in a practical way by Werner Siemens, it is impossible not to feel hopeful of its future.

The cry for the retirement of the Bishop of Truro has received some support from the diocesan statistics of the year. These go to prove that the Church is again losing ground in Cornwall, despite the prestige of a bishopric and a cathedral. It is alleged that in some parts of the diocese confirmation has become a dead letter, that nine or ten considerable parishes have not furnished a single candidate within the last five years, and that in the same period a parish with a population of over 7,000 has only had 11 candidates. It is a little curious that whilst the confirmations have fallen off the number of parishes with daily services and weekly communion has increased. The Bishop's ill-health has compelled long absences from the diocese, and to that the Church's loss must be attributed.

SEVERE FIGHTING IN CHILI.

BOMBARDMENT OF IQUIQUE.

200 WOMEN AND CHILDREN KILLED.

Particulars which have been received of the capture of Iquique by the Chilian insurgents show that after the bombardment General Soto, the officer in command of the Government troops, surrendered the town. The insurgents then landed and seized the Custom House, and after leaving a garrison in the town despatched part of their force up country to fight the Government troops. In the bombardment six of the principal squares were reduced to ruins, and it is declared that over 200 women and children perished in the wrecked houses. The principal houses were afterwards plundered by the victors. The bombardment of the town was only suspended at the request of the British Admiral. Valparaiso seems also to have been the scene of some exciting struggles. On the 13th of January the cavalry raided Laguna, where a large body of insurgents was assembled. Sixty were captured, but about 500 escaped. At daybreak on the 16th ult. the forts of Valparaiso opened fire upon the Blanco Encalada. A shell burst in the men's quarters of the ship, killing six and wounding many more who were lying in their hammocks. The Blanco Encalada, without returning the fire, shipped her moorings and stood out to sea. Great admiration was expressed by everyone, including the British, at the forbearance of the Blanco's commander in not replying to the attack from the forts. The officers experienced great difficulty in restraining the men, who were enraged at the loss and injury of their comrades. Letters received recently from Chili state that martial law has been declared throughout the country.

GHASTLY SCENE AT AN EXECUTION.

A MURDERER'S ROPE BREAKS.

An execution of an unusually ghastly character took place at Washington, a town in Pennsylvania, yesterday morning. The condemned convict was a coloured man named West, who murdered a white woman last autumn in peculiarly atrocious circumstances. Had he not been strongly guarded West would have been lynched long ago, so incensed has been the entire community against him. Last night West attempted to commit suicide in his prison cell by stabbing himself with a knife, which he had managed to get smuggled in to him. The goal surgeon stitched and plastered his wounds, which were serious, and declared that there was no reason why the murderer should not expiate his crime according to programme. Yesterday morning the wretched convict, although nearly dead, was carried to the gallows amid the jeers of a large number of spectators, and as it was evident that he could not stand he was actually strapped to a plank on which he was jerked into the air. The extra weight and spring caused the rope to break, and West came crashing to the ground. Several bystanders thereupon rushed forward, seized the victim, and held him upright until another rope was fixed, and then the hanging was accomplished without further mishap.

THE SCOTCH BLAST-FURNACE-MEN'S STRIKE.

Matters remain in this struggle in the same condition as when last reported, there being no sign of any approach being made from one side to the other, with a view of healing the breach. At Dixon's, two fillers have been engaged, but the advantage has been nullified by the capture of two other men by the pickets. The furnaces now in blast are in good-going order, and if necessary can be damped down with safety at any time—stoppage having hitherto been possible only by blowing them out. The officials state that each furnace is yielding 18 tons at each casting, or 36 tons daily, the maximum output being about 20 tons per cast. At Messrs Baird and Co.'s Gartsherrie Works, Coatbridge, five men from Hurlford are engaged in opening another furnace. Matters in all districts are very quiet.

BURNING A WIFE WITH A RED-HOT POKER.

A shocking outrage is reported from Conisborough. Delia McDonald, the wife of a man who has been employed at Messrs Kilner and Co.'s, glass manufacturers, Conisborough, and who lived at Bird Croft, has been admitted into the Mexborough Cottage Hospital, suffering from injuries inflicted by her husband. It seems that on Monday afternoon McDonald was drinking, and his wife went to him and persuaded him to go home. On getting to the house he became very quarrelsome, and assaulted his wife. Amongst other things he threw a quantity of paraffin oil upon her, and then applied a red hot poker, the wife being dreadfully burned. At first she was attended by Dr. Twigg, but on Tuesday he recommended her removal to the Mexborough Cottage Hospital. She there lies in great agony, but it is thought she will recover. The husband has decamped.

HARTLEPOOLS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

The annual meeting was held yesterday afternoon.—The report submitted by the Secretary (Councillor J. Hunter) showed that efforts had been made to induce the Railway Company to improve the train service of the South, and that a promise had been made by the directors of the same company to provide better accommodation for the bunkering of large steamers. The report added that the supply of trucks was now ample.—On the motion of the PRESIDENT (Mr W. H. Fisher, J.P.), seconded by Mr T. APPLEBY, J.P., the report was adopted. — The financial statement showed that after meeting all demands there was a balance in hand of £33 5s 6d. The membership is 58.—The official programme of the annual meeting in London of the Associated Chambers was discussed.—It was decided to support the Rating of Machinery as proposed by Mr Winterbottom, Sir W. Gray being of opinion that only such machinery as went with the freehold of the building and which could be held as security for the loan of money should be rated.—It was also resolved to join the Barrow-in-Furness Chamber in supporting Mr W. G. Ainslie's Bill in regard to dealing in pig iron warrants, and also to support a proposal from Oldham that landlords should not be allowed to distrain for rent in advance, nor for more than twelve months' rent in arrear.—The Chamber expressed its approval of an ocean penny postage and a reduction in the price of telegrams. —Mr W. H. Fisher, J.P., was unanimously re-elected president, and, along with the secretary, was chosen to represent the Chamber at the annual gathering of the Associated Chambers.

MADAME TREBELLI'S CONCERT PARTY AT STOCKTON.

By arrangement with Mr Barnby, Madame Trebelli, who is on tour through the North, gave a high-class concert last evening in the Exchange Hall, Stockton. Madame Trebelli first sang Gluck's aria, "Vieni che poi sereno," and afterwards sang "Lucrezia Borgia," set by Donizetti. Ho rendition of these pieces was a great treat, the charming contralto voice which has given her fame being as powerful as ever. In both cases the audience demanded and obtained encores. Mr Maybrick with his splendid baritone voice captivated the house by his rendering of Hatton's song, "The Wreck of the Hesperus," and was quite as effective in "The Heart of a Sailor," one of his own composition. Encores were also inevitable in his case. The instrumental treat of the evening was supplied by M. Auguste Van Biene, the celebrated solo violoncellist, who gave a good example of his own music in a fantasie on Irish airs; but who excelled himself in Offenbull's "Musette" and Sullivan's "Lost Chord," both of which were played in such a masterly manner that the audience gave him quite an ovation, and he replied with "Home, Sweet Home." The Chevalier L. Emil Bach, pianist to the Court of Prussia, exhibited his skill in a "Rhopsodie Hongroise" by Liszt, a rococo by himself, and a valse by Wieniawski, each of which was ably executed. Signorina Elvira Gambogi made her first appearance before a Stockton audience in Meyerbeer's aria, "O lieto suol della Turrena," in which the capacity of her soprano voice was fully exhibited. Much more enjoyable efforts, however, were her songs "A Bunch of Roses" and "Thoughts and tears." Mr Henry Piercy, an excellent tenor, sang "The woodland Flower," a Neapolitan song, and a Scotch melody, in each case acquitting himself splendidly, and earning with the other soloists well-merited encores. The concerted music was of a very enjoyable character. A duet "La luna immobile" for soprano and contralto, and a quartet "Mentre il pio," were exquisitely rendered, as was also the final duet "The Wooers," by Mr Piercy and Mr Maybrick. The concert was efficiently conducted throughout by Mr F. J. Watkis.

A BOON TO STOCKTON.—Never before was Stockton so electrified as now. Since Herr Cohen, the inventor of the Curative Coil Battery, made his appearance scores of households are cheered through the wonderful cures effected by his method of applying electricity in cases of rheumatism, sciatica, neuralgia, headache, nervousness, indigestion, depression, backache, weak circulation, and general debility. Without exception this Battery has been proved to be the most simple and lasting method of relieving pain and suffering. This latest invention might truly be called the "Little Doctor," because it relieves neuralgia in a moment, nervous headache with one application, rheumatic pains in the joints in about five minutes to the surprise of everybody, and only those know its value who use it.—"January 15th, 1891. Dear Sir,—I purchased one of your Batteries when at Rotherham, and may say that I am quite satisfied with my purchase, and would not be without it for twice the amount it cost. It quite cured my wife of enlarged veins. The Battery has also been found about the neighbourhood for various other ailments, one in particular—a man who had a slight stroke of paralysis, on whom the doctor used it, and he was working again in a fortnight.—Yours respectfully, ARTHUR STONES." —The above battery may be had of Herr Cohen at the Temperance Hall, Dovecot street, Stockton. Hours 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; 7 to 8.—ADVT.

DREADFUL MUTILATION OF A GIRL.

The body of a girl named Minnie M[illegible] 16, was found under the West Cliff at [illegible] yesterday morning, the head being dread[illegible] lated. Nothing is yet known as to how [illegible] by her death.

SAD SUICIDE OF MR H. H. MORLEY.

Mr Henry Hope Morley, son of the [illegible] Samuel Morley, and brother of Mr Arn[illegible] M.P., was found yesterday to have [illegible] suicide in the White Hart Hotel, [illegible] where he had engaged a bed on the [illegible] night. The boots on knocking at [illegible] day morning obtained no reply, and on [illegible] room found deceased dead, with his [illegible] a pen knife in his hand. Some [illegible] suffered from sunstroke.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN SOUND[illegible] THRASHED

John L. Sullivan, the pugilist, [illegible] the Georgia Railroad train on [illegible] quarrelled with a train hand, using [illegible] whereupon the employee jumped at [illegible] punished him to his heart's content.

SEAMEN CHARGED BY THE POLICE

A serious disturbance took place [illegible] yesterday afternoon in connection [illegible] of the steamer Clan [illegible] for the Firth [illegible] Federation men were going [illegible] were surrounded by two or three [illegible] seamen and labourers, and [illegible] ing the vessel. Amongst [illegible] roughly handled. The police [illegible] and the crew were conducted [illegible] offices, the sailing of the steamer being [illegible]

HEAVY FAILURE IN THE [illegible] TRADE

£[illegible]00,000 DAMAGE

Yesterday an application was [illegible] Wildy, Official Receiver, to appoint [illegible] manager to the estate of Messrs [illegible] Co., timber merchants, 77, [illegible] London, whose failure was [illegible] liabilities to the amount of about [illegible] Hunt (Ashurst, Morris, and Co.), [illegible] application, stated that of the [illegible] about £140,000 was expected [illegible] assets would be £11[illegible] was estimated in the first [illegible] the amount of £57,8[illegible] and [illegible] of Mr Miles Josolyn [illegible] manager of the business [illegible] pointment.—Mr Wildy [illegible] fixing the security at £5,000 [illegible] scheme of arrangement would be [illegible] would be a capable to this [illegible]

THE TEES SALT COM[illegible] LIMITED.

A VISIT TO THE WOR[illegible]

The second ordinary meeting [illegible] of this company was held yesterday [illegible] Hill. Mr Edward B[illegible] man of the directorate [illegible] transacted here arose, was [illegible] quence of the fact that the [illegible] into working order the direc[illegible] port nor balance sheet to [illegible] shareholders had been called [illegible] they might see for themselves [illegible] of the works was very [illegible] sidered that their prospects [illegible] encouraging. For forty years [illegible] shipper of salt, and he [illegible] shipped salt at fixed [illegible] Therefore, the price which [illegible] and the value to which [illegible] article of commerce, [illegible] margin of profit. He mo[illegible] of Saltburn, the retiring dire[illegible] —This was seconded and carried [illegible] Mr Tindall Whitwell [illegible] debtedness to the [illegible] to attend this meeting [illegible] success would attend [illegible] pany.—The shareholders [illegible] number of between [illegible] men, spent considerable [illegible] works, the details of which [illegible] F. Raines of Stockton [illegible] Mr Dale, the works manager [illegible] station is situated at the [illegible] the village of Haverton Hill [illegible] holes at the corner of a large [illegible] ing a depth of 820ft. they [illegible] salt bed to a further depth of [illegible] Each hole is tubed through [illegible] the red sandstone [illegible] surface, and tubing is [illegible] through the salt. The [illegible] clear, because from [illegible] tinual flow of water [illegible] exhaustible and which [illegible] pose of dissolving the salt [illegible] brine rises in the tube [illegible] face, and is pumped [illegible] a central tank placed [illegible] above the boilers which [illegible] for the engines. [illegible] clearing the brine [illegible] passes away through pipes [illegible] situated half a mile to the [illegible] steam from the boilers [illegible] two pans in the yard [illegible] duct of coarse crystal [illegible] down a railway from the [illegible] works, so that they can load [illegible] ment by their wharf [illegible] North Eastern Railway Co. [illegible] distance from the works [illegible] sunk, and it is there that [illegible] of natural gas was tapped. As [illegible] described in our columns [illegible] to say more here than that [illegible] been stopped for the present [illegible] of the water having caused the [illegible] fall in, no tubing having be[illegible] work proceeded [illegible] tors to sink a borehole to [illegible] in the hope of tapping [illegible] quantities, and utilising it [illegible] under the salt pans. In case [illegible] will use the bore as a [illegible] water for steam purposes, [illegible] £150 a year for [illegible] Darlington [illegible] proper are situated by the river [illegible] ham landing, and are still in [illegible] The quantity of brine pumped [illegible] gallons, or 40 tons of salt [illegible] being 25 to 27 per cent. Wh[illegible] ever—that is to say, when [illegible] of the bore is larger, [illegible] formed—the quantity will be [illegible] gallons. On reaching the [illegible] charged into a second filtering [illegible] other impurities. It then pass[illegible] three of which are engaged in [illegible] salt, and three turning out agri[illegible] salt. When the works are complete [illegible] will in each case be doubled [illegible] agricultural salt is [illegible] and being thoroughly dried [illegible] trucks to the wharf, where [illegible] into the vessels. In the [illegible] great care is taken to [illegible] substances and colouring [illegible] the brine may be charged [illegible] product may be pure and white. [illegible] in the pan it is raked to the [illegible] moulds of the ordinary [illegible] dry until it becomes firm. [illegible] taken out, trimmed and removed [illegible] kilns, where a temperature of [illegible] frees them from all remaining [illegible] the drying kilns is erected [illegible] one portion of which is [illegible] mill. The blocks of salt pass [illegible] and thence through crushing [illegible] emerging in various degrees [illegible] quantity is put up in 4lb bags [illegible] another, still finer, is packed [illegible] with the "Diamond" trade [illegible] quality of all is packed into [illegible] of the fastidious. All the [illegible] under the eye of one overseer, [illegible] quantity of salt is packed [illegible] the wholesale grocer.—After [illegible] had completed their inspection [illegible] they were entertained to [illegible] The chair was occupied by Mr [illegible] the vice-chair by Mr R[illegible]

GIVEN GRATIS TO ALL. [illegible] portant fact cannot be too fre[illegible] the minds of sufferers [illegible] E.B.P., of Bradford, has [illegible] giving the Hop Prescription [illegible] cants who send a stamp [illegible] session of this valuable [illegible] a quart of this Marvellous Med[illegible] make two quarts [illegible] may be interesting to [illegible] all kinds of hopeless [illegible] cess when all other [illegible] People who have [illegible] [illegible] have had their appetite [illegible] suffered years [illegible] sequence have [illegible] rest red; people who [illegible] with a disordered liver [illegible] been cured; people [illegible] wind and water have found [illegible] [illegible]. A gentleman at [illegible] ingly, has not had a [illegible] began taking it. People [illegible] stipation have had their bowels [illegible] its influence. It is a choice [illegible] The prescription is a [illegible] Those who have not [illegible] safe, sure, and reliable in [illegible] to the human frame. It is a [illegible] aperient combined [illegible] These important [illegible] done far more than is [illegible] which is sent [illegible] blessing the day the Hop [illegible] across their path [illegible] charge to all applicants [illegible] for the postage of the [illegible] at home has [illegible] minds, and will be found [illegible] sensible persons who desire to [illegible] swallowing. Address Mr [illegible] Yorks. When writing name this paper.

THE WEDDING RING. [illegible] Collingwood's, the old-established [illegible] receives a handsome present. [illegible]

Tobacconists' Commencing [illegible] consist Outfitting Co., 186, Euston-[illegible]

HAVE YOU A BACKACHE? [illegible] Plaster.—ADVT.

WARNING TO MINERS.

The barometer has been very variable the last few days. Pressure is reduced 60lb. on the square foot. The greatest care must be exercised, as owing to the sudden changes in temperature danger is largely increased. Fire triers must make most careful examination in every benk before the men begin work. Should gas be found fix the danger signal and at once report. See that props and sprags are freely used. Keep up a thorough ventilation. Look out for gas especially in the neighbourhood of old workings, fissures, cracks in the face, floors, or roof. Let doors and brattice-cloths be in good order and properly attended to. See that all lamps are sound and locked before giving out.

THE LEEDS GAS DISPUTE.

The Leeds gas dispute has been settled by the Corporation reinstating the sixty-six discharged men. Work is now proceeding as formerly.

MESSRS BOLCKOW, VAUGHAN, AND CO.'S DIVIDEND.

The directors of Messrs Bolckow, Vaughan, and Co., Limited, yesterday decided to recommend a dividend for the half-year ended December last of 3 per cent., making with the interim dividend, of 6 per cent. for the year, and in addition to that a sum of [illegible] will be written off the capital outlay, and [illegible] will be added to the reserve fund, and [illegible] will be carried forward.

STOCKTON TRAVELLER LOSES £200.

While driving in a dog-cart between Saltburn and Hosbeck yesterday Mr James Price, a traveller in the employ of Messrs W. Benington and Son, wholesale grocers, Stockton, lost a leather bag containing close upon £200, in gold, silver, and copper. The route taken by the traveller was via [illegible] Lane and Trout Hall. In addition to the money there were some business books in the bag. A reward has been offered for the recovery of the lost property, and the matter is in the hands of the police.

DURHAM ASSIZES.

The commission of the Durham Spring Assizes was opened yesterday by Justice Mathew and Mr A. L. Smith. The calendar is a light one, there being only eleven prisoners for trial, but the character of the crime is somewhat serious, comprising five charges of manslaughter, four of indecent assault, and one each of forgery and theft.

BREACH OF PROMISE.

Mary Ann Featherstone, widow, residing at Durham-road, Consett, brought an action against John Hall, farmer, of West Buttsfield, for breach of promise of marriage. Mr Manisty was for plaintiff, and Mr Meynell, Q.C., for defendant.—Plaintiff is about 59 years of age, and defendant about the same age. She entered the service of defendant's father as housekeeper, and on his death continued in the same capacity for defendant. She alleged that during the time she was in defendant's service he on several occasions made promises of marriage to her, and under these promises had improper relations with her. Plaintiff called a witness named Jane Middleton in support of her case, but the evidence was of such a contradictory character that the jury intimated that they had heard quite sufficient of the case, and the judge quite concurred with them, and ordered judgment to be entered for defendant with costs.

A HASWELL LIBEL CASE.

[illegible] Mason, blacksmith, Haswell, a member of the Haswell Co-operative Society, brought an action for libel against Joseph Robson, also a Society member. Mr Atherley Jones, M.P., was for plaintiff, and Mr Meynell for defendant.—The case for the plaintiff was that he was nominated as a member of the committee of this Society. Before the election came on defendant, it was alleged, issued a document stating that the plaintiff was in debt to the Society for goods he had purchased and not paid for and that consequently according to the rules he was ineligible for election. Defendant, it was stated, had not only published handbills to this effect, but had also made statements to this effect to members of the Society.—The defence was that the statements were true in substance and in fact.

(Proceeding.)

THE NORTH RIDING DEPUTY CHIEF CONSTABLE.

PRESENTATIONS AT SOUTH STOCKTON.

Two presentations were yesterday made to Deputy Chief-Constable Hutchinson on his promotion to that position in the North Riding from the superintendentship of police at South Stockton, which he has held for eight years, and in the performance of the duties connected with which he has gained universal regard. The first took place at the South Stockton Police Station, where Mr Hutchinson was presented with an illuminated address from the magistrates of the Langbaurgh West Division, who also had subscribed for a very handsome gold brooch for Mrs Hutchinson. The second tribute was from the licensed victuallers and other holders of licences in the Langbaurgh West Division, who had contributed over £120. The gifts consisted of an illuminated address, a very handsome silver tea and coffee service, and a gold ring, set with brilliants, for Mrs Hutchinson. The presentation was made in the Local Board-room, by Mr T. Etherington, chairman of the committee, Mr Webster Cuthbert presiding. In the [illegible] Mr Hutchinson was heartily congratulated on his preferment to the important position of Deputy Chief Constable, and testimony was borne by the subscribers to the fact that they had every reason to respect his impartiality and firmness in the discharge of all matters of business with them, and to the faithfulness with which he had fulfilled the various other duties devolving upon him. They wished him in his new sphere increased success in the performance of his more arduous duties. Both the testimonials were very suitably acknowledged by Mr Hutchinson.—The recipient of the latter was entertained by the licensed victuallers to a banquet at the Albert Inn. Mr T. Etherington, chairman of the Licensed Victuallers' Committee, presided, and there was a large company, including members of the town and district, several police officers, and constables. Mr Hanson put an excellent and most liberal dinner on the tables. The toast of the evening, "Our Guest," was given by the chairman, and appropriately acknowledged.—Other toasts were proposed or acknowledged by Superintendent Hutchinson, Inspector Thornton, Mr Bainbridge, North Ormesby (vice-chair), Messrs Campbell, Humble, Bird, Wilkinson, Swenson, Laws, Sanderson, [illegible], Moorsen, and Hanson. A detailed report appears in this week's *Stockton Herald*.

IMPERIAL PARLIAMENT.

MESSRS O'BRIEN AND DILLON'S RECOGNISANCES.

In the House of Commons yesterday Sir [illegible] asked whether it was intended to estreat the recognisances of Messrs W. O'Brien and J. Dillon.—Mr BALFOUR: I believe so.—Mr SEXTON asked whether the object of the bail was not carried out, seeing that the prisoners had surrendered.—Mr BALFOUR said that was certainly not the case. [illegible] could not be allowed to choose their own time for trial and imprisonment.

THE LAW COURTS RUMOUR.

Mr W. H. SMITH stated in answer to Mr [illegible] that the Lord Chancellor had no power to make any alteration in the constitution of the [illegible] Division merely because of a rumour that there was dissatisfaction as to the way in which one of the judges performed his duties.

FACTORY LEGISLATION.

Mr MATTHEWS moved the second reading of the Factories and Workshops Bill, which provided that the existing sanitary regulations in the Factory Act should be applied to all factories and workshops, and to domestic workshops. He said its purpose was to bring all factories and workshops up to the same standard as regards cleanliness, ventilation, overcrowding, and whitewashing.—The debate was continued by Mr S. Buxton, Earl Compton, Sir H. [illegible] Lyon Playfair, Mr Shaw-Lefevre, and others. The Bill was read a second time, and referred to the Standing Committee on Trade.

THE ROYAL COMMISSION ON LABOUR.

With regard to the proposed Royal Commission on the relations between capital and labour, Mr [illegible] inquired whether the First Lord of the Treasury could give an assurance that the scope of the enquiry should not be permitted to in any way interfere with the present rights and liberty of combination which the organised trades of the country possess.—[illegible] was obvious that the Commission would have no power to interfere with the present legal rights or liberty enjoyed by organised trades, but undoubtedly it would be the duty of the Commission to enquire into all the conditions which recent unfortunate disturbances had [illegible] about. [illegible] next question, put by Earl COMPTON, [illegible] admit of such an easy reply. The noble lord asked whether the scope of the enquiry would include the relations between Government officers and their employees—say the notoriously strained relations of the employees of the Postmaster-General and the [illegible].—The FIRST LORD OF THE TREASURY hesitatingly replied that he was not in a position to reply to the question, and somewhat hurriedly resumed his seat.

"ADVICE TO MOTHERS."—Are you broken in your rest by a sick child suffering with the pain of cutting teeth? Go at once to a chemist and get a bottle of Mrs Winslow's Soothing Syrup. It will relieve the poor sufferer immediately. It is perfectly harmless; it produces natural, quiet sleep, by relieving the child from pain, and the little cherub awakes [illegible]. Of all chemists, 1s 1½d.

Picture Mouldings at Garrard's, 19, [illegible], Mbro. Regilding equal to new.—ADVT

PEOPLE ARE DECEIVED into buying [illegible] if they do not look to see that the Registered Trade Mark "SUNLIGHT SOAP" is on the [illegible] "SUNLIGHT SOAP" is guaranteed [illegible].—ADVT.

[illegible].—Strawberry, Rasp, and Black [illegible], 6½d—guaranteed pure—at Wm. L. [illegible], Linthorpe-road.—ADVT.

CLOCK AND JEWELLERY REPAIRS.—[illegible] by proficient workmen. Satisfaction at reasonable charges; no apprentices [illegible] Cooley, High-street, Stockton.—ADVT.

[illegible] of Stockton and district will [illegible] by making an early inspection of E. [illegible] stock of Watches and Jewellery [illegible] Stockton.—ADVT.

THE SILKSWORTH EVICTIONS.

RIOTING AND DISORDER.

DEPUTIES' HOUSES SMASHED.

Yesterday's proceedings did not end so quietly as their commencement would have seemed to portend. Some of the objectionable deputies will remember for many a long day their prominence in connection with this unfortunate dispute. Details of the riotous proceedings will be found below, together with incidents in connection with the later evictions.

A MINER OF SEVENTY-FOUR EVICTED.

One old miner, James Hughes, seventy-four years of age, who has worked for twenty years under the Marquis at Seaham and Silksworth, after being evicted, said he was as determined as a young man to fight the matter through. "It is win or die now," he told our representative, bringing his stick heavily to the ground. He has worked sixty years down the pit, and he and his old companion sat sorrowfully over their turned-out goods. He worked right up to the last time operations took place at the colliery. His parents were evicted in the strike of 1832. He himself was in the explosion at Murton Colliery.

ONLY THE PANTRY WINDOW.

David Cooke, 12, Maria-street, made a substantial fortress of his house, but forgot the small window of the pantry, through which the bailiffs soon and readily effected an entrance. Towards noon the crowd began to increase, and

HOOTING AND NOISE BECAME LOUD.

After finishing at Cooke's the force moved to No. 1, Hill-street West, where Mrs Frecker's house was cleared without trouble. The Rev. J. L. Rentoul, St. George's, Sunderland, and the Rev. James Rentoul, a well-known Unionist lecturer from Belfast, brothers of Mr J. A. Rentoul, M.P., East Down, paid a visit to the village during the morning. Amongst the goods turned out were some of an exceedingly tasteful nature, one article—a dummy bookcase, evidently home made—brought from the house of Charlton Stobbs, 10, Frances-street, being praised for its neatness.

"DEATH OR GLORY."

J. Robson, of 29, Cornelia-street, for some time withstood the attacks of the crowbars. Indeed, so strong was the barricading that the entrance was forced by the window. The resident was evidently a determined man. Not only had he erected so strong a barricade, but chalked on the door was the inscription, "Death or Glory," and other inscriptions not very complimentary to some people connected with the strike. The window, too, through which the evicting forces passed was decorated with a card on which was inscribed "True till Death." This house proved how much better are the doors without panels for barricading purposes. Panels are easily knocked out, but a substantial plain door is an inconvenience even to a bailiff with a crowbar—especially if it has a good prop or two behind it, as in this case. However, in the end his goods were cleared out.

"NO SURRENDER! UNION FOR EVER!"

This bold and encouraging motto was displayed at a house in Marie-street, which was amongst the last batch visited. Those on the list for eviction were:—Quarry-street: Jos. Irwin 3, Thomas Dixon 3, George Smith 3, James Hughes 2, John Bainbridge 6, Wm. Hart 4, James Richardson 9, Thomas Park 8. Back Marie-street: David Cook 6. Marie-street: James Mallaly 5, Joseph Dunn 5, Stephen Stobart 7, Joseph Wild 1. Hill-street West: John Wright 4. Frances-street: Charlton Stubbs 3. Cornelia-street: Francis J. Robson 4. C. Campson, Cornelia-street, handed in a doctor's certificate that his wife was ill and was passed over. Christopher Devonport's house was entered, but had to be left as the notice had not expired. In all sixteen houses were cleared and sixty-nine people turned out. There are now about 300 people in Silksworth without homes through these sad proceedings.

ATTACK ON THE DEPUTIES' HOUSES.

Wiser by the lesson of the previous day, the gang of loungers from Sunderland permitted the police to leave the village with the candymen in peace. But a few wild fellows amongst them concocted another plot, which might have had serious results. The police were followed, and the miserable beings who are doing the duty of candymen hooted by a big crowd. However, on reaching the point where the stone-throwing commenced yesterday a distinct halt was made by the leaders, and the great body of police required to escort the candymen went on its way. There were only a handful of officers left in the village, and evidently trusting to this some scoundrels raised the cry, "To the blacklegs." Instantly a great mass of people were hurrying helter-skelter, and many with evil intentions, to the nearest deputy's house, that of Clayton, in George-street. Mr John Wilson, M.P., and other officials, hearing the cry, made after the crowd, but the start obtained ended in the

BREAKING OF THE WINDOWS

by missiles thrown, though the house, fortunately, was empty. Mr Wilson desperately appealed for quiet; but a rough element, not composed of miners, with a yell, again started to a second deputy's house, that of Mason, and the same also happened here, the windows being all broken by the infuriated crowd. This family appeared to have been disturbed at dinner, as the tables were set. Then to Gardiner's, in Cornelia-street, and Robert Dunn's, in Stewart street, went the yelling multitude, and these houses, too, bear remembrances of the visit. Had it not been for the efforts of Mr Wilson and others who rushed after the crowd and prevented destruction the new move would probably have been very serious. Fortunately none of the inhabitants of the houses were hurt. When Dunn's house was attacked he

FIRED A SHOT FROM A REVOLVER

at the crowd. The bullet went through the window of the opposite house occupied by Scott. The bullet went over the top part of the sash, hit the kitchen wall, and rebounded and fell into a cradle where there was a little baby sleeping. The fall of the bullet and the shock awakened the baby. The child began to cry, and it attracted the attention of its mother, who, on search, found the bullet in the cradle. Mr Palmer, the Silksworth secretary, took possession of the bullet. Dunn is said to have fired another bullet, which struck the yard wall. The police are guarding Dunn's house, the incident having created the greatest indignation. The house of Thomas Mason, in Francis-street, was a complete wreck. After the mob had got away three or four constables arrived, to whom he complained in bitter language of being left unprotected, and held up a note in his hand, which he was sending to the manager of the colliery. Whilst he was telling his story to the constables several women on the scene jeered him, and one lively young lassie who was sitting on a wall opposite

PUT HER FINGERS TO HER NOSE

in derision, and mockingly said, "Here endeth the first lesson," a remark which had a distinct meaning.

THE MEN'S REPLY TO LORD LONDONDERRY.

LETTER FROM MR W. PALMER.

To-day Mr W. Palmer, the Silksworth miners' secretary and a County Councillor, publishes a reply to what he terms Lord Londonderry's "misleading statement" which appeared yesterday; and he sets out the facts categorically as follows:—

1. There has never been any general county rule as to deputies being in or out of our Association. At some collieries all are in our union, at some all are out, at many some are in and others out. The owners have acquiesced in this state of things.

2. At Silksworth, out of a staff of 70 deputies, all but five joined our union freely in 1884.

3. The manager marked his objection to this by giving special privileges to those who had not done so, and provided a book which contained a declaration that everyone appointed as a deputy should leave our union. Every fresh deputy was required to sign this.

4. Much unpleasantness ensued: our men protested, and continued to protest; finally our agents saw the manager, and his reply was, "I'll be d——d if I allow any deputy to be a member of the Miners' Association."

5. This was a direct attack on our union, and if copied elsewhere would have driven some thousands of men out of it, and these belonging to a class which had benefited more than any other through our combination.

6. Finally our men gave in their legal notices on November 8th, 1890, and these expired on November 22nd, when the men left work.

7. Within a day or two all the deputies came and rejoined our union. We never sent for them.

8. We at once offered to go to work, but the manager refused to open the pit, and we were locked out.

9. The chief officials went round to the deputies, and asked them why they joined the union. Some said because they had a right, others that they had done it for the sake of peace. We regard this going round as an undue interference on the part of the owners, who have no right to enquire as to what union men choose to join.

10. It is not correct that our association officials agreed to a compromise which we rejected. The only resolution passed by the Miners' Council is that we come out, and they will sustain us. The Federation Board, which is a committee for specific purposes, and composed of a few miners' agents and a few coalowners, being in meeting, Silksworth lock-out was talked over, and the miners' agents got the best terms they could, and promised to see if the men would accept them. They had no power to agree to terms, nor have the men, without the consent of the Miners' General Council.

11. We are still ready to go to work if the deputies who joined us pay up their arrears.

12. The first attack was made by the manager. The book is now withdrawn as a mistake. Surely we have a right, as we were first assailed and were not the assailants, to require that things should be as they were when we offered ourselves for work, and were locked out.

13. Then, if the Coalowners' Association want to raise the question of the status of deputies as a county question, they know the regular and legal way; but manifestly such a matter can't be discussed amidst the heated feelings provoked by a lock-out and the eviction of our families.

As to the evictions, I would offer one remark, and one only. We were brought here by the owner or his predecessors. He sits in the lordly halls at Wynyard which the labour of our predecessors enabled the family to build, and which our labour helps to keep going. Had he men to occupy the houses we would interpose no obstacles. But there are no other houses for us to get; they stop us from getting work at other collieries, and for him to turn our wives and children out, without necessity, on the roadside simply to coerce us in a trade dispute seems to us ignoble warfare.

MR W. H. PATTERSON ANSWERS MR GUTHRIE.

Mr W. H. Patterson, secretary to the Durham Miners' Association, has published a letter in reply to the one from Mr Guthrie, secretary to the Coalowners' Association, which appeared in our columns yesterday. He first shows that the deputy in many cases performs more manual labour than any other ordinary workman on the colliery, and therefore is a workman in the strict acceptation of the term, and further states that the men do not blame Lord Londonderry, but the Coalowners' Association under whose instructions he acted. No means were left untried by the men during the past twelve months in order to solve the difficulty, and their efforts were nullified by the tactics of the resident manager and the Coalowners' Association (1) in providing a book which all new deputies had to sign, pledging himself not to become a member of the men's association, and (2) the establishment of a fund to which Lord Londonderry was induced to contribute 25 per cent. of its subscriptions in order to induce deputies to leave the association. Mr Patterson denies that a few days after the strike commenced the men were forced by intimidation and otherwise to join the Miners' Association. The real facts are, he says, "that after the men joined the association they were handed in a written statement from the Federation Board, stating that the men had settled the difficulty amongst themselves, and were ready to return to work. This the Owners' Association refused, and again the resident manager and under manager and several other officials went from house to house, and even sent for men when worshipping in places of worship to try by pressure and otherwise to compel men to leave the Miners' Association. They succeeded in their underhand and tyrannical work to a certain extent, and hence the present uncalled for, unpleasant, and heartrendering scenes that are now taking place at Silksworth." He denies that the refusal by the Silksworth men of the last offer of the owners restricts the liberty of the deputies in future, and points out that there is an understanding that the question as to the position of deputies in the mine shall be discussed as soon as the Silksworth case is settled, not by Silksworth men, but by the two associations representing the owners on the one side, and the great body of deputies on the other side. Other minor points are dealt with, and in conclusion Mr Patterson says there are many ways by which the inhuman work of the evictions can be avoided, and the Owners' Committee know full well what they are.

MR JOHN WILSON, M.P., ON THE STRUGGLE.

Mr John Wilson, M.P., secretary of the Miners' Union for the County of Durham, has been interviewed regarding his views on the vexed question of the deputies. He states: "The deputies of Silksworth were members of the Miners' Association up till 1884, when five of them left. Mr Panton, the agent of the colliery, about that time commenced to influence and coerce the deputies to leave the association by offering them special privileges above the others, and by threatening that they would lose their deputy's work if they did not leave. I can give you an instance of the influence used. Suppose the pit was off through the fortnight Mr Panton would set the deputies who were outside the Miners' Association to work. Those connected with that organisation were compelled to lie idle, and just got the same number of shifts that the pit got." He also referred to the accident fund, to which Lord Londonderry paid 25 per cent. of the deputies' contributions, and respecting which Mr Panton, being president of this fund, got a rule passed which excluded all deputies who were in the Miners' Association. Then came the understanding between masters and men that the deputies should be left to their own discretion as to whether they should be in or out of the union, an agreement which Mr Wilson says Mr Panton very soon broke through. "In consequence of this," added the genial M.P., "about a year ago the miners passed a resolution in their council meeting that those deputies who had left the union should be compelled to re-enter. That resolution rested in abeyance until November last, when the miners at the colliery gave in their notices. During the time the notices were running we had ever so many conferences with the Urgency Committee of the owners, and we offered that the deputies should be left to their own option. That was positively refused. Of course since that time the men have become so exasperated that they refused to accept that position when it was at last offered to them by the owners last Wednesday. At the present time the only way a settlement could be arrived at would be for the deputies to come and pay their arrears. The matter, however, is assuming a wider aspect, because the men infer from certain remarks that are now being made that it is not only the question of the deputies of Silksworth, but the question of deputies all over the county. They believe that the owners are determined to force the deputies out of the Miners' Association, and to have them as a separate class of men unconnected with that organisation." Mr Wilson added that the effect of the order which excluded Mr Johnson and himself and the twenty-five members of the local committee from being within the cordon of police meant that there were just so many hands less to pacify the crowd, and consequently more likelihood of breaches of the peace.

THE HOME SECRETARY AND THE EVICTIONS.

In the House of Commons yesterday Mr Labouchere says: I beg to ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department whether he is aware that certain persons who have been brought to the county of Durham by the Marquis of Londonderry to assist in the evictions now being carried on on his property, having refused to take part in the evictions, have been detained by the police. Whether he is aware that the persons who were engaged to carry out the the furniture of the evicted tenants were prevented by the police from leaving when they desired to do so, and that they were hindered when at their lodgings from communicating with individuals with whom they wished to speak. Whether he is aware that the police expelled by force the inmates from houses from which their furniture had been or was being removed. And would he state on what authority the police acted in this manner.—Mr Matthews: I have received a report from the Chief Constable, who informs me that the persons in question have not been detained by the police, and that those who wished to go have left. I have asked the Chief Constable to supply me with the other information asked for by the hon. member.

"An Observer" thinks that what the miners of the county most need is "a true Christian reformer."

"O P Q," Shildon, protests against outside interference. He says that, though the Silksworth men have been turned out of their houses, outsiders ought to be very careful as to any suggestion they may offer. We have leader, let us trust them. If they can't pull us through, I fail to see how outsiders, whose knowledge of our affairs are naturally limited, can.

Mr John Cummings, Trimdon Colliery, writes:—I wish, through the medium of your paper, to contradict the false statements that is going about, that I moved at East Hetton meeting that the eastern district should be laid down in the event of Silksworth evictions taking place. What I did move was that there should be a special council meeting to take into consideration the laying down of the county.

"Another Looker-on" writes:—"Spectator" strongly advises the whole of the county to turn out after 14 days' notice. I wish myself that some method of settling the dispute could be arrived at, but I'm sure it won't be found in a general strike. Let us suppose there are some 40,000 men employed about the collieries in the whole of the county, and the Miners' Union consisted of £80,000 capital, which I don't suppose it does, well, these 40,000 men are out of work three weeks at the rate of 15s per week, where will their capital be? Why, the £80,000 will be devoured. Then how are the men to exist? Why, they can't possibly, so they must then return to work at the masters' terms or starve. I would say, let the whole of the county go regularly to their work, with the exception of the Londonderry collieries, who may nicely be kept alive with the levies that the men of the other collieries may pay. I am sure it would be just as well for me to have a strike, for in my case I would be one that would benefit by it, but I would rather see peace restored with men and masters.

"Reform," Station Town, writes:—For a long time now we have been solemnly protesting against the use of the battering ram in the sister isle, used for the purpose of evicting from their homes the hard-working and industrious peasantry of that country—homes that have been erected by them at the expense of years of unremitting toil, and now that we, by the action of the Coalowners' Association, are being regaled similar scenes at Silksworth, I think the time has arrived when some definite and united action should be taken. We are an amalgamated body, and as such the interests of the few are the interests of the many. Shall we stand idly by and see our fellow-creatures—members of the same Association—turned to the door without some united effort upon our part to put an end to such brutal proceedings? I would suggest that a special council meeting be convened if possible, consisting of one representative from every lodge in the county, with a view to ascertain, as near as possible, the precise feeling of the men in the county as to what steps shall be taken in respect to this struggle; and, if possible, let us notify the Coalowners' Association that in fourteen days we will lay down our tools and let them lie until the evictions cease and the dispute satisfactorily settled.

THE CANDYMAN.

The question is being submitted to us from many quarters:—Why are those men who are now employed in lifting the furniture and effects of the Silksworth miners to the door called candymen? A correspondent has favoured us with an answer, which we give in his own words. "The pitman's candyman has a history, and not an uninteresting one. In the days when Watt had not discovered the power and uses of steam, and before George Stephenson had made 'a bad job for the coo,' the candyman was an important factor in the juvenile life of Durham and Northumberland pit villages. There were no small shops in the mining villages then. Men and women were born, reared, and in most cases died without having been a dozen miles from the place where they first saw the light. There were no cheap trips or Sunday school treats to the seaside as now. Fry's multitudinous beauties in chocolate and the numberless fascination of French sweets and confectionery were all in reserve for the lads and lasses of a later time. However, the youngsters of that distant time were not without their days of hilarity. Quite an army of men swarmed the roads with improvised wheelbarrows, hand-carts (home made), bringing with them a good supply of windmills, tops, skipping-ropes, round black bullets, white mints, black Spanish sticks, and, above all, a tremendous amount of candy, made of coarse brown sugar and butter, or common treacle. There was no mistake as to the time they were entering a village, for they blew a horn that might have been used before the fall of the walls of Jericho, and this, mingled with the shouts of the bairns, 'Here's the candyman,' made quite an event for the day. They would trade their candy, &c., for anything in return. Empty bottles, rags, bones, old shoes, old clothes, or ha'pennies—nothing came wrong—and many of these men shuffled off this coil comparatively rich. But they were mostly men of mean, grovelling souls, and would stoop to anything if money was at the end. In 1832 (I am not quite sure that I am strictly accurate in the date) a great crisis took place in the Durham coal trade, when the good and saintly Thomas Hebburn and Martin Judd attempted to organise the pitmen and form a trades' union. The masters took the 'bull by the horns' to crush out this infant manifestation of independence, which after almost infinite vicissitudes has in our day grown to proportions that cannot be crushed. There was a general strike throughout the county. Lord Castlereagh and his dragoons came on the scene, and thousands of men and their families were turned out of their homes in a terrible winter. No regard was paid to age, sex, or condition. Men in the last stages of consumption, made so by the bad ventilation of the mines, were seized by ruthless hands and left to the mercies of the pitiless storm. Mothers in the agonies of labour were turned out on the bleak hill-side to die, and little children sobbed and perished by their side. And who were the chief allies of the masters and their dragoons in this terrible work? Who were those who took such a prominent part in wrecking the pitman's home? It was the candymen. Yes; there they were with their old unwashen familiar faces. When those were out of work on whom they had lived for years' and ha'pennies were few and for the time no candy was required, there they were. They never had appeared *beautifully* human, they never fascinated; now they came (in the eyes of the pitmen), as it were, from the lowest caverns of hell. Whatever other feelings the Durham pitwife may have, she has one cardinal virtue. She dearly loves her home—it is her idol, and from time immemorial she has taken an intense pride in furnishing it. After marriage the young wife will sacrifice pleasure for years to 'set up her home.' Nothing can move her from this resolution. She will never rest till she has furnished it 'fit for a prince.' Let anyone pick out the smokiest, dingiest village in the county. Walk along the row and peep in at the open door, and they will soon be more than satisfied of the truth of what I am saying. It was as much so in '32 as now. Surely these candymen, who had on many a cold day been treated to a good rasher of bacon or hot broth by these warm-hearted women, would use some consideration about their furniture even in turning them to the door. Not so. The beautiful four-poled bedsteads (no pitman's home was without them), with their elaborate and spotlessly white upholstery, the fine chests of mahogany drawers, tables, chairs, &c., &c., were not *set* out then as they are to-day at Silksworth. They were *torn* down and *thrown* out by these same candymen in one confused and irreparable smash, and where before the good wife proudly looked in on a home, she now stood weeping over a wreck. But the candyman made a mistake; he sold himself for naught. When the struggle was ended, with the men defeated all along the line, and work resumed under more slavish conditions than before, the candyman found his industry ruined. None dared for years to enter a Durham village. Ever since then the man who has laid hold of a piece of furniture in Durham in carrying out an ejectment order, whether in a strike or from the County Court, has been a candyman, and will be till the 5,000,000 years spoken of by Professor Huxley has expired, when the last particle of England has been washed away by the ocean, and the last man toppled into the sea."

TO-DAY'S OPERATIONS.

The evictions at Silksworth were resumed this morning shortly after nine. There is little excitement or hooting, but a good deal of good-natured chaffing. An effort will be made to finish the present batch to-day and to-morrow. In about an hour four different streets were visited, and

SIX FAMILIES WERE EVICTED.

The violent attack on the dwellings of the blackleg deputies yesterday afternoon is much discussed, but on all hands it is felt that it was not done by the Silksworth men, but by roughs from Sunderland. We are asked by Mr J. Wilson, the popular member for Mid-Durham,

TO CORRECT AN IMPRESSION

about his action after the police charge on Wednesday afternoon. All along he and the local committee have been most active in their endeavour to avoid a conflict between the populace and the police. He was in the brunt of the battle on Wednesday, and never ceased his endeavours to preserve the peace. The police were about to make a second charge on the double down the hill, when he and Mr Johnson, another of the miners' agents, rushed up to them, and Mr Wilson, addressing Superintendent Burrell, said, "For God's sake stop your men." He admitted that during the eviction scenes

THE POLICE HAD SHOWN GREAT FORBEARANCE,

and he told the officers in charge that if the police would desist from further violence and stay out of the way for half an hour he and the local committee would do their utmost to

GET THE PEOPLE TO DISPERSE,

and to avoid any further conflict. This the police readily agreed to, and Mr Wilson and his colleagues honourably carried out their promise. Such is the plain statement of facts which is deservedly due to the member for Mid-Durham. Mr J. Storey, the chairman of the Silksworth Lodge, has received a letter from another of the Hartlepool candymen who deserted. The writer complained that he had been boycotted. He had applied for and got work at the works of Thomas Richardson and Sons, but when the workmen discovered that he had been doing the work of a candyman at the Silksworth evictions

THEY LAID DOWN THEIR TOOLS

and refused to work, and he had to be dismissed. He complained that he had to suffer for his first misadventure, as he did not know what kind of work he had to do until he got to Silksworth. He had a wife and six children to keep, and whilst thanking the Silksworth miners for this kindness to him after his penitence, he asked them to do something for him. He had carried out his promises, for on getting to Hartlepool Station they found two candymen going to Silksworth, and he at once spoke to them, and

PERSUADED THEM TO REMAIN AT HOME.

Our representative was informed by Superintendent Wilkinson this morning that the revolver had been taken from Dunn, the non-unionist deputy, who yesterday fired at the mob who assailed his house. This the police considered necessary after his indiscretion yesterday. Mr Mould, the miners' delegate, who yesterday went with the police as far as Candy Hall in the interests of peace, was himself on returning assailed by two or three Sunderland roughs, but they desisted on learning who he was. Mr Thornton, of Sunderland, has

PROMISED THE STRIKE HANDS A BULLOCK,

and this will be roasted in a field at Sunderland. A charge will be made to enter the field. The first evictions to-day were in Tempest-street, when Thos. Hope was evicted. The evicting force next proceeded to Stewart-street East, where Richard Richardson and Fred Edgar were evicted. Easy entrance was effected in all the cases. Richardson, whilst his furniture was being put into the street, amused himself by

PLAYING A CORNET,

and the spectators sang "Auld Lang Syne," he playing the accompaniment. Wynyard-street was next visited where Edward Allen, and his brother and sister, who were living in the one house, were evicted. The house of John Johnson was passed over on account of sickness. Edward-street East was then dealt with, and here Ralph Cummins was ejected. There was very little hooting or cheering, but plenty of good-natured chaff.

TOOTHACHE.—Bunter's Nervine cures Toothache instantly by painless constriction of the nerve, prevents decay, and saves extraction. Neuralgic headaches and all nerve pains removed. Sleepless nights prevented by using Bunter's Nervine. Sold by all Chemists, 1s1½d.—ADVT.

North Country News.

THE ENGLISH-CUP SEMI-FINALS.—For the semi-final ties in the English Cup competition, Sunderland v. Notts, at Sheffield, and Blackburn Rovers v. West Bromwich Albion, at Stoke, played to-morrow, we have arranged to give full and special reports in our football editions.

Hats! Caps! Marvellous value! Latest styles. Whiter & Angus, 70, Newport-road.—ADVT.

Just returned from Markets.—See Windows Bon Marche, 4, Newport-rd., Middlesbro'.—ADVT.

For Veal, Pork, Mutton, and Beef try T. Nettleton's, 49, Newport-road, M'bro.—ADVT.

The Noted House for Home-made Shirts, Drawers, &c. Machine and Hand Knitted Hosiery. Pottages', Drapers, East-st. and South-st.—ADVT.

At a special meeting of the Normanby Local Board yesterday Mr John Dandy, of South Bank, was appointed Inspector of Nuisances for the township.

LIVE FOR EVER.—We cannot live for ever, but life may be prolonged and enjoyed by Harburn's Phosphorised Tonic and Nervine Syrup. See page 4.—ADVT.

MONEY MAKES MONEY.—1,000 Boys' Suits, bought in for Cash, by Levy's, Bridge-street, at less than the price of making cost. Don't let your little ones go shabbily dressed. Come at once and see our Stock. A. Levy, Bridge-street West, Middlesbrough.—ADVT.

ORMESBY LOCAL BOARD AND THE TOWN'S MILK SUPPLY.—Last night at the ordinary meeting of the Ormesby Local Board the Surveyor and Medical Officer presented a joint report on an inspection made by them of the farms supplying milk to North Ormesby. There being causes for complaint against several of the farms it was decided that letters should be written to the owners asking them to remedy the different grievances.

LABOUR UNION MEETING AT STOCKTON.—Last evening a meeting in connection with the Tees side district of the National Labour Union was held in the Temperance Hall, Stockton, Mr Rogers presiding, when addresses were delivered by Mr Lawton, of Middlesbrough, and others.—On the motion of Mr Fitzgerald it was agreed "that this meeting having heard the various speakers, pledges itself to form another branch, and to further the interests of the National Labour Union to the utmost of its ability."

MORE SHIPYARD ACCIDENTS AT SOUTH STOCKTON.—Richard Kendrew (25), living in Elizabeth-street, South Stockton, was working at Messrs Richardson, Duck, and Co.'s shipyard yesterday afternoon, when he fell down a ship's hold, and sustained severe injuries to his head and legs. He was conveyed to the Stockton Hospital.—That institution also yesterday admitted James Fenner (25), riveter, who, while working on a scaffold at Messrs Craig, Taylor, and Co.'s shipyard, slipped off and sustained serious injuries to his chest and hands.

THE FERRY ACCOMMODATION AT MIDDLESBROUGH.—WORKMEN'S GRIEVANCES.—A special meeting of the Ferry Committee of the Middlesbrough Corporation was held yesterday afternoon, when a letter was read by the Chairman (Councillor F. W. Mildred) from the Middlesbrough Trades Council, asking that the committee should receive a deputation from the Trades Council with reference to the grievances of the workmen using the Ferry.—After some discussion it was decided that the grievances complained of should be notified in writing, when the committee would consider the same.

MIDDLESBROUGH ANGLING CLUB.—The annual general meeting of this club was held last night at the Erimus Hotel, when the following gentlemen were elected officers and committee for 1891:—Mr Jas. Harris, president; Mr Geo. F. Barnley, Mr H. W. Cooper, Mr M. Thistle, and Dr. Veitch, vice-presidents; Mr Jno. Reed, Junr., treasurer; Mr T. Allen Roberts, secretary; Mr Jno. Thomas, Junr., auditor; and Messrs Hy. Arnett, T. Belk, T. Buck, O. H. Cochrane, Jos. Hardy, Robt. Hill, and E. T. Melville, the committee. The treasurer's statement showed the club to be in a good financial position. The secretary was requested to write to the chairman of the Park Committee to ask him for a copy of the proposed bye-laws referring to the trout fishing in the Albert Park lake.

LIBERAL WARD MEETING AT STOCKTON.—Last evening the Liberals resident in the South-East and Victoria Wards held their annual meeting in the Bailey-street School-room, Mr John Coning presiding. After Mr Corrie, the Liberal agent, had interested the meeting by the exhibition of magic lantern views, chiefly illustrative of Irish evictions, the following officials were elected:—Victoria Ward: Chairman, Mr J. Coning; vice chairman, Councillor Whittle; executive committee, Messrs C. Short, R. Betts, J. Thompson, and L. Stanley. South-East Ward: Chairman, Councillor, J. Harrison; vice chairman, Councillor R. Humphrey; secretary, Mr M. Lackenby; executive committee, Messrs W. Bell, T. Braithwaite, J. Proud, and D. Craig.

PROPOSED RECONSTRUCTION OF THE MIDDLESBROUGH FERRY LANDINGS.—Yesterday a special private meeting of the Ferry Committee of the Middlesbrough Corporation was held at the Ferry Superintendent's Office to consider the reconstruction of the landings.—A long discussion took place upon the plans submitted by the Borough Surveyor, Alderman Sanderson suggesting that the bridge should be placed to the westward of the centre of the site in order to allow of the spare space on the east side being utilised at some future time for other purposes than that of passenger traffic.—The Borough Surveyor said it was his intention that this should be done.—It was ultimately decided that the Surveyor should alter his plans in order to make provision for bridges of 150 feet in length, and pontoons of 100 feet in length, and in accordance with a suggestion made by Councillor Jones. The revised plans will be considered at a further meeting.

MUSICAL EVENING AT THE LIT. AND PHIL.—There was a very large attendance in the Lecture Hall of the Cleveland Lit. and Phil., Middlesbrough, last evening, on which occasion the president (Mr Theodore Ward) gave his musical evening, which has come to be looked upon now as an annual event—the red letter day of the year in that institution. A pleasant evening's amusement is always afforded, and last night was no exception to the rule. A strong party from Durham Cathedral was engaged—Mr J. Walker, pianist; Mr G. J. Leatham, and Mr D. Whitehead, tenors; Mr J. Duncanson and Mr Grice, basses. Mr Walker's piano solos and his accompaniments were exceedingly able, while the applause and encores which followed the combined and individual efforts of the vocalists testified to the most hearty appreciation on the part of the audience. Mr Duncanson's exceedingly fine rendering of Aylward's charming bass song, "Deep in the Valley," was, with the encore song which followed—"To-morrow will be Friday"—the greatest treat of the evening. His voice is of fine quality, and is used with cultured taste.

STOCKTON LITERARY INSTITUTE.—The annual meeting was held last evening—Mr Geo. Lazenby presiding. The hon. secs. (Messrs A. J. Foster and J. T. Routledge) submitted the annual report, from which we gather that there are 120 members, or a decrease on the year of 20. Technical classes conducted by Mr L. Johnson had been attended by 130 students, an increase of 40, and the passes had been excellent. Prizes had been awarded for taking first-class certificates, and at the competitive examinations held at South Kensington six of the institute students had gained full awards, while 28 obtained the Queen's Prize. The reports having been adopted, the following officials were elected:—President, Sir Horace Davey, Q.C., M.P.; vice-presidents, Messrs W. Benington, J.P., W. Whitwell, J.P., and J. Barugh, J.P.; hon. treasurer, Mr T. F. Bailes; hon. secs., Messrs A. J. Foster and J. T. Routledge; committee, Messrs T. H. Ainsworth, R. Appleton, J. Burn, E. E. Clephan, F. L. Dodds, J. Harrison, G. Lazenby, D. R. Malcolm, T. Parkinson, B. Moate, J. J. Sanders, J. F. Smith, and A. Inglis.

STOCKTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.—The annual meeting of this Chamber was held this afternoon in the Town Hall, Mr J. Cradock, J.P., president, in the chair.—The annual report, read by the secretary (Mr R. Appleton), drew attention to various subjects which had been dealt with during the year, and stated that Major Ropner, J.P., had given a donation of £10 10s to the funds, and thus become an honorary member of the Chamber.—Alderman Richardson, J.P., moved that Major Ropner be the President of the Chamber for the ensuing year.—The Mayor (Councillor R. H. Appleton) seconded, and it was carried unanimously.—On the motion of Councillor W. C. Langley, Mr Ralph Appleton was re-elected secretary.—A letter was read from the Town Clerk (Mr M. B. Dodds) drawing attention to the fact that under the Customs and Excise Act funds were vested in the hands of the County Council for the furtherance of technical education, and asking this Chamber to appoint two representatives to a conference to be held this afternoon. The meeting selected Messrs R. Ropner, junr., and R. Humphrey as its representatives.—An application was read from the secretary of the Stockton Commercial Travellers' Association, asking that representatives of the Association be allowed to attend the meetings of the Chamber.—It was agreed, on the motion of Alderman Richardson, J.P., that the association should be treated in the same way as trading firms, and on paying the usual subscription appointing one representative with one vote.—The programme of the Associated Chambers meeting next week was considered, and several proposals ordered to be supported by the delegates. It was moved, on the motion of Mr C. Bone, to support the efforts of the Stockton Commercial Travellers' Association to induce the North-Eastern Railway directors to make Stockton the centre of a district for commercial purposes.

EXTRACT FROM THE "CYCLIST," FEBRUARY 25TH, 1891.—"M. D. Rucker was at Ditton yesterday with a suspension-tyred "Humber" Safety, with which he had been indulging in certain of his well-known mountaineering tricks during the week. The suspension tyre excited a vast amount of interest, and was subjected to innumerable experiments by quite a dozen men, amongst whom were G. L. Hillier, Swindley, Lewis, Stroud, C. E. Liles, Bath Road Smith, and others. The verdicts, particularly as to the "life" of the tyre, were distinctly favourable, and though we rode it fresh from the hard-pumped pneumatic, the difference was hardly noticeable. The thing is undoubtedly fast, reduces vibration in almost as great a degree as the air tyre, and will, if the suspension rim is warranted, quickly jump into general favour. G. M. Young, who leads the cycle trade in the North of England, exhibited the suspension tyre at the tyre discussion held at Stockton a few weeks ago—the first time out of London—and is expecting a delivery of "Humber" Safeties fitted with this tyre in a few days. Cyclists are invited to inspect them at the depots—Middlesbrough, Stockton, and Darlington.—ADVT.

Cowley's Presentation Clocks, Bronzes, Silver and Silver-plate, Cutlery Canteens, all of the Newest designs. 131, High-street, Stockton.—ADVT.

Poole, Jeweller, Middlesbrough, has the largest staff of efficient workmen in the North.—ADVT.

This Day's Commercial News.

Bank rate (discount)	3 p.c.
Do. for Advances	3½ p.c.
Market rate of disct., 60 days' drafts	2¾ to 3 p.c.
Do. do. 3 months	2¾ to 2⅞ p.c.
Do. do. 4 months	2⅞ p.c.
Do. do. 6 months	2⅞ p.c.
Loans to bill-brokers, day to day	2¼ to 2½ p.c.
Do. do. for one week	2½ p.c.
Rate for fortnight, loans to stock-brokers	3¼ to 3½ p.c.
Deposit allowance (banks)	1½ p.c.
Do. do. (discount houses)	2 to 2¼ p.c.

The first annual report of the Gold Ores Reduction Company states that the work of the Company has successfully progressed during the past year, and that the satisfactory treatment of ore has resulted in contracts being entered into on favourable terms. By a contract made with the Russian Minerals Exploration Company the Company receives £5,000 in cash and £50,000 in deferred shares, and by an arrangement with the Russell Gold Company they receive £10,000 worth of Russell shares. A contract has been made for the sale of the Spanish and Portuguese patents to a subsidiary company for £50,000 in shares, while by the sales of the Transvaal patent the Company will get £5,000 in cash and £70,000 in shares of a subsidiary company for Africa. Negotiations are also proceeding in other directions for the adoption of the process by individual mining companies, and also for the disposal of other foreign patents. The result of the ores treated at the Company's works shows that from 80 to 98 per cent. of the assay value has been saved from the most refractory ores.

The following new business is offered to the public:—The Liverpool and North Wales Steamship Company (Limited); capital £65,000, in shares of £1 each. First issue of ordinary shares now offered. Lists will close on Saturday. Offices: 20, Water-street, Liverpool. Sheffield Solvo Laundries (Limited); capital £10,000, in 2,000 shares of £5 each; 1,400 preferred and 600 deferred. The 1,400 are offered to the public. Offices: 3, Highman-crescent, Sheffield. The Louisville and Nashville Railroad Company are issuing unified 50-year mortgage 4 per cent. gold bonds to the extent of five million dollars, yielding nearly 4½ per cent. per annum. List closes March 3. The London and Australasian Debenture Corporation, Limited, are prepared to receive applications for £200,000 in terminable debentures at 4 per cent. for three, or 4½ per cent. for five years.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.

11.20 a.m.

Money in fair demand at 2¼ to 2⅜ per cent.; discount rates for short bills 3 per cent.; three months' bills 2⅞ to 3 per cent. Consols steady; money ⅛ up. Rupee paper weak; 4's and 4½'s ⅛ down. Home railways irregular, with a declining tendency; American firmer, Mexican better, Ordinary ⅛ up; Grand Trunks steady. Foreign bonds dull. Mines lower. Nitrates quiet. The principal changes since closing last night are:—Home railways: Sheffield Def. ⅛, Caledonian, North-Eastern ⅛ up; Lancashire and Yorkshire ⅛, Great Western, Metropolitan ⅛, Brighton Def., Midland ⅛ down. American railways: Milwaukee ⅜, Canadian and Union Pacifics, Lake Shore, Louisville, New York Central, Reading ⅛ up. Trunks: Seconds ⅛, Firsts and Thirds ⅛ up. Foreign bonds: Argentine 3½'s l. Cedulas I, J, Turkish Defence ⅛, Do. 4's, Unified ⅛, Spanish ⅛ down. Mines: Tinto ⅛ down.

CLEVELAND IRON.

MIDDLESBROUGH.

The tone of our pig iron market continues to be more favourable, and prices are firm, with a tendency upwards. The excellent exports which have been recorded in this, one of the quietest months of the year, are very encouraging, and lead people to expect heavy shipments when the regular navigation season commences. The quantity shipped to the Continent is not so large as it would have been if the rivers there had been fully open, but there is still a large quantity of ice in the upper reaches, and further than that where the rivers are free from ice the usual cargoes cannot be taken because the water is so low in them, owing to the absence of rain. Thus steamers that convey 500 tons ordinarily can now only take 150 to 250 tons. The fogs at sea have reduced shipments from Middlesbrough this week, but, nevertheless, the month's shipments have reached 65,888 tons, against 37,333 tons in January to 26th. We may, therefore, fairly look for some decrease in stocks. Merchants' price of No. 3 is 42/3 for prompt f.o.b. deliveries, and below that figure sellers are not disposed to operate, while for delivery up to the end of April they ask at least 42/6; makers have been able to secure that for prompt delivery, but generally they are not disposed to sell, as they look for doing better by waiting. Middlesbrough warrants are 42/1½ cash sellers. There is a much better demand for makers' iron than for warrants. Grey forge is somewhat stiffer again in price, and 40/6 is the figure, but only a few firms will sell at this, and several makers have to-day raised their quotation 6d per ton. Local hematites are 53/6 per ton for mixed numbers. Notwithstanding that so many vessels are laid up orders have within the past few days been given out for new steamers to Middlesbrough, Stockton, and Hartlepool builders. Steel ship plates are £6, less 2½ per cent., and angles £6 5/-, less 2½ per cent. Heavy steel rails can be bought for £4 15/- at works, but buyers show a reluctance to pay even that. Common iron bars are £5 12/6; best bars, £5 2/6; best best bars £7 2/6, ship plates £5 12/6, boiler plates £6 12/6, angles £5 10/-, all less 2½ per cent, and f.o.t producers' works. Best blast-furnace coke is 15/6 per ton delivered here.

GLASGOW IRON.

Quiet. Small business done at 46/11½ and 47/- cash, closing buyers 47/- cash, 47/1½ one month; sellers ½d more. Middlesbrough done at 42/- cash; closing buyers 42/- cash, 42/2 one month; sellers 42/1½ cash, 42/3 one month. Hematite closing buyers 50/10½ cash, 51/1 one month; sellers 51/- cash, 51/2 one month.

NEWCASTLE FREIGHT.

After heavy chartering yesterday rates are weaker, and business limited to-day. Homeward rates steady; outward quiet. Charters include steamers:—Tyne to Dublin, 5/3; Civita Vecchia, 7/3; Corfu and Cephalonia 8/3; Smyrna, 7/3; Bilbao, coke, 7/-; Savona, 7/-. Coal firmer at 11/0 best Northumbrian steam; household coals flat. Chemicals steadier on orders from America. Copper in growing demand at £53 for tough. South Durham salt stronger.

MIDDLESBROUGH IRON SHIPMENTS.

Date.	Pig Iron.	M'f'd I.&S.	Total Tons.	Date.	Pig Iron.	M'f'd I.&S.	Total Tons.
Jan.	43,993	23,771	67,769	Feb. 14	1,970	5,416	7,386
Feb. 2	4,360	..	4,360	" 16	3,300	1,446	4,746
" 3	5,265	185	5,451	" 17	3,746	91	3,837
" 4	1,090	3,015	4,105	" 18	3,300	274	3,572
" 5	2,270	2,107	4,377	" 19	1,030	840	1,870
" 6	4,033	1,139	5,172	" 20	2,510	1,725	4,235
" 7	4,030	1,840	5,870	" 21	4,275	3,025	7,301
" 9	1,740	140	1,880	" 23	4,030	1,016	5,095
" 10	4,795	699	5,494	" 24	1,050	1,910	2,960
" 11	2,615	970	3,485	" 25	1,098	527	1,625
" 12	1,090	750	1,845	" 26	3,602	3,673	7,275
" 13	4,650	400	5,050				

LONDON PRODUCE.

Sugar: Pieces against buyers; dried goods and crystals firm, good enquiry; French goods firm; beet active, dearer. March sold 14/03, April same, May 14/1½, June 14/2½. Coffee: Spot firm; futures quiet; Rio, March, 77/6; May 76/6, Santos, March, 79/3, May 79/-. Linseed oil, 21/6 to 21/10½. Rape, 29/-. Cotton, 16/-; refined, 18/3. Turpentine, 28/6. Petroleum, 5⅛d to 5½d.

LIVERPOOL PRODUCE.

Sugar firm; No. 1, 19/2; No. 2, 18/3; No. 3, 17/9. Lard quiet, 29/9. Bacon halves, 26/6. Petroleum quiet; American, 5½d. Turpentine steady, 23/3. Resin firm; common, 4/6 to 4/7½. Cottonseed firm, 20/-. Linseed quiet, 23/3. Rape firm; Stettin, 34/-. Tallow steady, 25/- to 28/-, beef. Palm dull; Lagos, £24 5/-. Hemp steadier; Manilla, 44/- spot. Nitrate firm, 8/4½. Castor oil firm; Calcutta, 3⅛d.

This Day's Markets.

LEEDS CORN.—The feeling in the wheat trade continues firm. Both English and foreign 3d to 6d per qr. higher on the week. Malting barley at Tuesday's prices. Maize met a fair demand at fully 3d dearer. Oats, beans, and peas no alteration.

LONDON CORN.—Opening wheat and flour quiet on former terms. Other articles steady, but not active. Arrivals from Saturday inclusive:—English: Wheat, 65 qrs.; beans, 90 qrs. Foreign: Wheat, 10,340 qrs.; barley, 5,020 qrs.; oats, 31,840 qrs.; maize, 4,490 qrs.; beans, 150 qrs.; peas, 270 qrs.; flour, 20,780 sacks.

LIVERPOOL CORN.—Wheat opens firm with moderate enquiry, 1d cental dearer than Tuesday; Californian, 7/11 to 7/11½. Flour, 6d per sack dearer. Oats and meal steady. Maize: Old mixed American, 5/8; new, 5/7; Odessa, 5/2. Peas (Canadian), 6/1. Saidi beans, 26/6 to 26/9 per qr.

GLASGOW SUGAR.—Market continues strong; mediums and yellows again 3d dearer; fines steady. Official report:—"Market active; good business done at full to stiffer prices."

CORK BUTTER.—Ordinary: Seconds, 117/-; thirds, 106/-; fourths, 90/-. Kegs: fourths, 90/-. Mild-cured firkins: Fine mild, 123/-; mild, 115/-. Number in market: 72 firkins, 9 mild.

GRIMSBY FISH.—There was a good supply, and a fair demand. About thirty-five vessels have arrived. Plaice, 30/- to 34/-; level, 26/-; lemons, 40/- to 50/-; soles, 150/- to 160/-; baddocks, 7/- to 12/-; witches, 28/- to 36/- per box; turbot, 8/- to 20/-; brills, 3/- to 5/-; ling, 3/- to 4/-; dead, 2/- to 3/-; cod, 4/- to 6/-; skate, 2/- to 4/-; dead, 1/6 to 2/- each; hake, 30/- to 50/-; dead cod, 60/- to 80/- per score; halibut, 6/- to 8/-; dead, 5/- to 6/- per cwt.

MANCHESTER COTTON.—India fabrics enquired after, but buyers are usually a good deal out, and important business is quite exceptional. Moderate sales are reported in miscellaneous cloths for dyeing, finishing, or bleaching purposes. Tuesday's quotations being generally repeated. Heavy goods steady, and in average request. Yarns inactive, and there is no disposition to buy in anticipation of future requirements: prices, though not quotably lower, are weak all round.

WHEN STARCHING your linen will be glossier and more lustrous, and you will find your iron with no stick, if you put a small piece of "SUNLIGHT SOAP" in the starch.—ADVT.

To make the white pieces whiter, Coloured Pieces brighter, and Flannels softer than they can be made by washing the old way and to leave every article as clean and sweet and as pure as is never worn, use "SUNLIGHT SOAP."—ADVT.

The dirtiest clothing can be washed in luke warm water with very little rubbing, and Clothes, Bedding, and Linen cleansed without either Scalding or Boiling by using "SUNLIGHT SOAP," to be within the reach of all.—ADVT.

You can't get wrong by going to Scorer's for Cutlery, Brushes, Lamps, Fenders. Cooking Utensils great variety; plain figures; wear guaranteed. 91, Newport-road, Middlesbrough; 94, High street, Stockton.—ADVT.

The Editor of the *Medical Annual*, after a careful examination of CADBURY'S COCOA, pronounces it to be both a food and a beverage of the highest quality.—ADVT.

For Cruets, Teapots, Knives, Forks, Spoons, and Electro Plate, &c., Poole's, Middlesbrough, is the best shop.—ADVT.

If your Watch Stops take it to Collingwoods', when you may rely on having is made right. Repairs cheaply, quickly, and well done.—ADVT.

AVOID the dealer who offers you any plaster in place of ALLCOCK'S, saying they are as good; he is a man unworthy of trust. Honest men do not try to steal another's reputation.—ADVT.

Special: For 6/6 Hats! 1/- Ties! Gloves! Try Willis!
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Special: For 2/6 Hats! 1/- Ties! Fronts! Try Willis!
Special: For 2/6 Hats! 1/- Ties! Fronts! Try Willis!
5/6 Cardigan Jackets! 5/6 Cardigan Jackets!
Willis, "The Great White Hat," 25, Newport-rd.—ADVT.

The Editor of the *Medical Annual* for 1890 points out that potash is largely used to add to the solubility of many of the Cocoas at present sold, but that, in marked contrast, MESSRS CADBURY supply an absolutely pure Cocoa of the highest quality; and that the name CADBURY on any packet of Cocoa or Chocolate is a guarantee of purity.—ADVT.

Buy Pilcher's New Ties, New Hats, &c.; new goods and novelties arriving daily. Best is cheapest. 27, Linthorpe-road.—ADVT.

Shipping, &c.

ARRIVALS AND SAILINGS

MIDDLESBROUGH.

ARRIVALS, February 25.—Arnold, Purdy, Newcastle, ore; Dolly Varden, Greenwood, Newcastle, ore; Ella s, Scantlebury, Dieppe, b; (26) Samland s, Bording, Nordenham, b; Peeble s, Darragh, Grangemouth, b.

SAILINGS, Feb. 25.—Try Again, Bell, Aberdeen, salt; Doune Castle, Jones, Adelaide, i; Etna s, Dreaper, Hartlepool, b; Ouse Hopper No. 1 s, Walker, Goole, slag; James Groves s, John, Blyth, light; [illegible] Ouse Hopper No. 1 s, Walker, Goole, slag.

HARTLEPOOL.

ARRIVALS, February 26.—William, Fitzwilliam, Scarborough, 1; Waterwitch, Gardener, Portsmouth, chalk; (27) Jessie Annandale, Smith, Folkestone, coal.

SAILINGS, February 26.—Lord Alfred Paget s, Whitehead, London, c; (27) Julia, Hadingham, Seaham, 1; Lily, Smith, Cullen; Middleton, Ball, Portsmouth—both c.

WEST HARTLEPOOL.

ARRIVALS, February 26.—Frey, Abrahamsen, Porsgrund, timber; Diamond, Danby, Whitby, 1; Boston s, Barber, London, 1; John Johansson s, Faith, London, chalk; Empress s, Cooper, Hamburg, g.

SAILINGS, February 26.—Wellington, Ramsey, Shields; Euphrates s, Edwards, Middlesbrough; James Hogg s, Stephenson, Middlesbrough; Newcastle, Dyer, Shields—all 1.

"GAZETTE" SPECIAL REPORTS.

WEST HARTLEPOOL.

Ivy left Libau for London 25th.
Mary Lohden left Gibraltar for Rotterdam 25th.
Hawarden left Philadelphia 26th.
Duchess left Newport for Naples 26th.
Tharsis left Wismar for Libau 26th.
Daylight left Barry for Aden 25th.
Ripon City passed Butt of Lewis for Boston 27th.
Bertie arrived at Bristol from Varna 25th.
Lillian arrived at Salonica from Cannes 27th.

This Day's Sporting.

NEWMARKET TRAINING NOTES.

Lovely morning. On THE RACECOURSE SIDE: CANNON'S Benburb went three miles. CANNON'S Skipper and The Tyke went two miles. SADLER'S Detective went a mile and a half. HAYHOE'S Le Nord, High Havens, Seraphine II., and Bumptious; SADLER'S Peterflower, Papyrus, and Circassian; MUMFORD'S Dry Toast; ASHBY'S Rusticus went a mile. MARSH'S Royal Meath, Oddfellow, Morion, Ammonite, and Cerexa, HAYHOE'S Haute Saone, Laotantius, and Modele went five furlongs.

ON THE BURY SIDE: LEADER'S Ringfield and St. Cyr; RYAN'S Ireland went two miles. M. DAWSON'S The Whaup; RYAN'S Passe par Tout, Regalis, Peronelle, and Innisfail; ENOCH'S Workington, Houndsditch, Pinzon, and Hermon went a mile and a quarter. JENNINGS'S Pretendant II., Gouverneur, Reverend, Dare Devil, Foghorn, and Cordon Bleu; J. DAWSON'S Wiseman and Roberto; JEWITT'S Pocinster, Rathbeal, Killoween, and Versilier; RYAN'S Carrick, Patrician, Alloway, Springtime, Springbank, and Orvieto; PECK'S Golden Garter, Balmoral, Grand Master, Grace Emily, SHERWOOD'S Nunthorpe, Fleesleigh, Sheldrake, and Fitzsimon; MORTON'S Nero, Juggler, Toating, Pioneer, Snaplock, Mortaigne, and Lady Rosebery; JENNINGS'S Lord George, Star, and [illegible]; M. DAWSON'S Dorcas, Melody, Keroual, and Corsterphine; SHERWOOD'S Noverre, Penzance, and Simonian; HOWARD'S L'Abbe Morin went six furlongs.

GRAND MILITARY (SANDOWN PARK) MEETING.

NAVAL AND MILITARY AND VETERANS' HUNTERS' STEEPLECHASE of 150 sovs. Two miles and a half.

Ding Dong	1
Bnella	2
Climb axe	3

Ten ran.

Betting: 5 to 4 agst Bantham, 4 to 1 Ding Dong, 6 to 1 Harlequin; 10 to 1 each others offered.

LATEST ARRIVALS.—Ding Dong, Little Buttercup, Chirgwin, Clanranald, Dog Fox, Cado, Ashplant, Anaconda, Hinnington, Canada, Homeward Bound, Cameronian, Syringa filly, Ladies, and Bonus.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS.

All engagements—Stourhead.

Mr J. H. Wilson, the general secretary of the Seamen's and Firemen's Union, is being urged to contest Deptford as the Liberal and Radical candidate.

HOW TO SAVE MONEY.—Send your Umbrellas to R. A. Watson, The Hatter, to be re-covered; prices from 2s 6d. Satisfaction guaranteed. P. H. O.—ADVT

HAVE YOU A PAIN ANYWHERE?—ALLCOCK'S PLASTER is the remedy.—ADVT.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

DEATHS.

ASCOUGH.—On the 27th inst., at 40, Cannon-street, Middlesbrough, Mary, widow of the late John Ascough, aged 67 years. Interment on Monday, March 2, at 2.30. Friends please accept this (the only) intimation. 27

BAINBRIDGE.—On 25th inst., at 7, Palmerston terrace, Consett, Ralph Bainbridge, formerly of Stanhope, aged 64 years. Will be interred at Stanhope on 28th inst. 27

CROCKER.—On the 23rd inst., at 8, Milbank terrace, Coatham, Anne Gertrude (Gertie), dearly beloved daughter of William and Hannah Crocker, aged 13 years. Interment on Saturday, at Coatham Church, at 3 o'clock. Friends please accept this intimation. 27

ELLERTON.—5, Norton-grove, Stockton-on-Tees, on the 26th inst., aged 5 years, Margaret, the second and dearly beloved daughter of Robert Charles and Elizabeth Ellerton. Interment at Norton Church, at 3 p.m. on Sunday, March 1st. 28

KYME.—On the 25th inst., at Clifton, York, William, beloved son of the late William and Elizabeth Kyme, aged 53 years. Interment on Sunday, cortege leaving 4, Newton street, Middlesbrough, at 3 p.m. Friends please accept this (the only) intimation. 28

MOODY.—On the 25th inst., at No. 9, New Cottages, Port Clarence, Andrew Moody, aged 68 years, late foreman blacksmith for Bell Bros. Interment at Haverton Hill on Sunday, March 1st, cortege leaving the above address at 3 p.m. Friends please accept this (the only) intimation. 28

IN MEMORIAM.

CLOUGH.—In loving memory of one dear father Robert, beloved husband of Hannah Clough, who died Feb. 27th, 1890. Though lost to sight, to memory dear.

[Births, Marriages, and Deaths, when prepaid, are charged 1s 6d each insertion if not exceeding 16 words, and 6d for every additional 10 words.]

FRESH Cut Flowers, Wreaths, Crosses, Dress and Ball Bouquets on the Shortest Notice. W. Strike, Florist, Stockton and Middlesbro'. Telephone No. 4,552.

TO Cyclists.—For your Riding Suits go to Bride and Son, 7, Corporation-road, Middlesbrough.

DAY Girl (respectable) Wanted, age about 15. Mrs Hollings, Confectioner, Hartington-road, Stockton. 2

GENERAL Servant (good) Wanted at once for about a month. Mrs Willis 25, Newport road, Middlesbrough. 27

GIRL (clean, respectable) Wanted. Apply H. Milbank-street, Stockton. 27

PARTNER Wanted; young man preferred with energy and push; must have small capital. Communicate in first instance to B 30 "Gazette" Office, Middlesbrough. 2

TAILORS' Machinist Wanted, cons and work and good wage to a vest maker. Apply Mackenzie, Oxbridge lane, Stockton. 28

YOUTH Wanted for an Office, [illegible] Middlesbrough. Address, 810, "Gazette" Office, Middlesbrough. 2

APARTMENTS To Let for two Ladies, near cricket field; terms moderate. Address 800, "Gazette" Office, Middlesbrough. 2

BEESTON Humber.—For sale, No. 2 Light Roadster Safety; ball socket steering; ball all over, best cushion tyres, 14in; this year's make; fitted nameplate; only ridden a few times. Apply 42, Victoria road, Middlesbrough. 2

COTTAGE Piano in handsome walnut case, originally cost £35; price £15. Agency Office, Church-row, Stockton. 5

HERR Cohen's £9 9s Medical Battery For Sale, quite new; to be sold cheap. Wright's Agency, Stockton. 2

HANDCARTS (two) and Spring Cart For Sale. Apply H. Watson, Grey street, Stockton. 2

OFF-LICENSED House (first-class) To Let; beer and spirits; splendid situation; immediate possession; ingoing about £300. Address, 810, "Gazette" Office, Middlesbrough. 2

ROOM To Let, unfurnished. Apply 79, Vaughan street, Middlesbrough. 2

SINGER'S Treadle Sewing Machine, perfect; cost 6 guineas; price 75s. Agency Office, Church-row, Stockton. 27

TO CYCLISTS.—A great bargains only on this time.—W. Minto, Albert-road, Middlesbrough, Bishopton-lane, Stockton; Esplanade, Redcar; having bought 600 this season's machines, want room for same, and is determined to clear out the remaining stock of last year's machines at an enormous reduction. Before purchasing elsewhere come see and judge for yourselves. 6

FOUND, Black and White Fox-terrier Bitch; if not claimed within 3 days will be sold. Apply 3, Sutherland-street, Middlesbrough. 2

FOUND, brown Retriever Dog. Owner can have same by paying expenses. Apply 34, Mears-street, North Ormesby. 2

MIDDLESBROUGH TEMPERANCE SOCIETY. MR GUY HAYLER will lecture in the Lecture-room, Baxter street, SUNDAY, March 1st, 6.15 p.m. Admission; [illegible].

TO-NIGHT! TO-NIGHT! TO-NIGHT!
BLOOM'S AUCTION MART, Boundary Road.—GREAT SPECIAL SALE of Ladies and Gentlemen's SILVER WATCHES, SEWING MACHINES, and other Goods. Fun for all. Kindly leave umbrellas behind, as there is no room for them. 27

VEAL! Veal! Where? The Old Shop, under Cleveland Hall, Newport-road, Middlesbrough. 1

THIS EVENING AT 6.30.
MR. R. H. FOSTER will SELL BY AUCTION, at his Sale Room, Yarm-lane, Stockton, the whole of the excellent HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, the property of Mr W. Robson, Georgestreet, who is leaving the district.

MIDDLESBROUGH UNION.—CONTRACTS FOR SUPPLY OF PROVISIONS, BOOTS LEATHER, COALS, COFFINS, &c. &c., for the half-year ending 3rd October, 1891 (except as to Milk, the contract for which shall be for twelve months), the Guardians of the above Union will, at a meeting to be held in the Board-room, Municipal Buildings, Middlesbrough, on the 12th day of March next receive and open Tenders for the supply of the above as under.—

FOR WORKHOUSE.—All articles to be delivered at the Workhouse, Linthorpe, in such quantities and at such times as the Guardians or the Clerk's orders shall from time to time direct. Full particulars and samples of various articles may be seen at the Workhouse. Persons tendering must have places of business within the Union.

FOR THE RESPECTIVE RELIEF DISTRICTS.—Persons tendering must have places of business within the district for which they tender.

All articles to be delivered according to the orders of the respective Relieving Officers.

With regard to the Coffins, the Tenders must be given for persons dying under the age of 5 years, 5 years, 10 years, and up to and of the age of 16 years and upwards.

The persons whose Tenders may be accepted must be prepared (if required) to give security for the due performance of their respective Contracts.

Separate (sealed) Tenders must be given for the Workhouse and each Relief District, endorsed either "Workhouse" or with the name of the district, and must be delivered at the Union Offices, Municipal Buildings, not later than 4 p.m. on the 11th day of March next.

Samples as far as practicable must all be delivered at the above Offices for the Workhouse, and at the Relief Stations for the respective districts.

Forms of Tender and Contract, containing full particulars, can be obtained at my office.

Accounts paid monthly.

The Guardians do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any Tender, and they hold themselves at liberty to accept the whole or a part only of any Tender.

(By Order) T. JOHNSON, Clerk to the Guardians.

Municipal Buildings, Middlesbrough,
27th February, 1891. 5

CHIPS.

The power expended in Niagara is as great as would be provided, for steam engine purposes, by £56,000,000 worth of coal a year.

A lady in New York has a brass bedstead inlaid with real pearls. Across the top runs a brass rail, on which the owner's name is wrought in pearls.

The statistical fiend is at it again. Here is his latest achievement:—If all the hair that is shaved off the men living in London in a day was collected, it would be equal in bulk to 3½ tons of hay.

The Wos, a West African tribe, used to indulge in the custom of killing every male child whose top teeth appeared before the lower ones, believing that the child, if allowed to live, would grow into a man of monstrous disposition.

Chess players in London are anticipating the visit of a Russian lady and her husband who have beaten everybody in their own country. The lady has, so the story goes, already won back by her successful play the fortune her father lost by gambling.

The greatest novelty in dolls has now been invented in Nuremberg, the German town for dolls and playthings. A machine in the doll causes it to move its hand, and to write neat little letters on a slate or on paper. Whole sentences can be written, to the great amusement of children.

In Silesia it is customary for young girls who wish to know if they will marry in the coming year to take a slipper on the first of January and throw it over their heads. If the toes are directed towards them, they will marry; if not they will have to wait, and the next year the same "oracle" is consulted.

The national air of the United States is "Hail Columbia," written in 1798 by Judge Joseph Hopkinson to the music of the "President's March," a composition of a German named Fyles, who led the orchestra of the John-street Theatre in New York. This is followed by "The Star-spangled Banner." Then comes that martial air, "Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean," more commonly known as "The Red, White, and Blue." It was written by David T. Shaw to the English air.

It is a common occurrence to see the mention of nineteen guineas as a legacy in a will, but many ask why this odd amount? Now, the answer thereto shows that it was a way of making a bequest free from duty, although not so expressed in the will, for until the 1st June, 1881, all legacies under £20 were free from duty; but since the 1st June, 1881, no pecuniary legacy is now any longer free from duty; a gift of a watch or suchlike, if under the value of £20, still remains free from duty, as it does not come within the words "pecuniary legacy."

The Princess of Wales, who is going to Ireland this summer with the Prince, has expressed her deep interest in the lace-making work of the peasants of Donegal. It is not, perhaps, generally known that the Princess has been very assiduous in the attention she has shown in the fund started for the relief of the Irish poor by Mr Balfour and Lord Zetland. Her Royal Highness was so keenly alive to the fact of the existence of acute distress that she personally addressed several of her more intimate friends, soliciting aid for the fund, and, with her daughters, assisted in preparing for despatch to Ireland several bundles of clothing.

A blind girl, Miss Aston, not yet seventeen, has matriculated at the Melbourne University. She has been blind from infancy, but is uncommonly bright and intelligent, as well as pretty. Among other subjects, she passed in French, Latin, arithmetic, and algebra. As may be imagined, special arrangements had to be made for her examination. She was accompanied by an assistant teacher from the school for the blind where she was educated for eight years. The assistant transcribed her answers, written in Braille, into the ordinary characters. Miss Aston is, in addition to her other acquirements, an excellent musician, and is said to be deeply anxious to earn her own living.

The Newspaper Museum in Aix la Chapelle contains a copy of the world's largest newspaper—viz., the *Illuminated Quadruple Constellation*, published in New York in the year 1859. The paper is similar in form to the surface of a billiard table, and measures 8½ feet in height 6 feet in width. This monster among newspapers was published on the day of celebration of independence. It contains eight pages, each of thirteen columns, and these are each 48 inches long. The paper on which it is printed is extremely durable and strong, and each ream weighs three cwt. Forty people were occupied continually for eight weeks in order to bring out the first issue of this remarkable newspaper, which it is proposed to publish once in 100 years.

The *reductio ad absurdum* has been reached in connection with guessing competitions. A wily gentleman offered a £5 prize to anybody who correctly counted the "N's" in Exodus. A young man who determined to win the prize impressed to his assistance the whole family of brothers and sisters, and for the next two or three nights of the week the table of the home was covered with Bibles and little slips of paper. A busy circle sat round, counting and checking, finding a mistake here, and going over a whole chapter again. Excitement ran high as the task was finished, and it hardly seemed as if by any reasonable possibility they could be out of the race. The calculation was duly posted and forwarded to the address named, and in a few days a letter came back saying they were quite wrong, there was no "N" in Exodus. And if you carefully examine the word, you will find it is made up of E-X-O-D-U-S.

A plain stone inscribed "Sir Peter," tells the visitor to Knowsley Park that the once celebrated horse, Sir Peter Teazle, lies beneath it. A sculptured stone, rifled from a cardinal's monument, overlooks the grave of "Emilious" at Eastley Abbey. In the case of many other horses in this country, the places where their remains were buried were marked in one way or another. A cedar, planted by a once-famous jockey, rises hard by the resting-place of Bay Middleton and Crucifix; Kingston reposes under the shade of a great oak at Eltham; Blair Athol, the pride of Malton, lies embowered at Cobham; and green is the grave of Amato, well within hail of the course he travelled so triumphantly. In a paddock at Strathfieldsaye, near the south-east corner, a circular railing encloses a spot, planted with Irish yew, beneath which is the grave of Capenhagen—the Duke of Wellington's favourite charger. He died in 1825, and was interred with military honours.

Height is not always might, as the following particulars will show:—William Black, the novelist, possesses a small, compact figure, and has been described as carrying himself with rather a martial air. M. Zola, the French writer of realistic novels, is short and spare in person, with thin hands, raven-black hair, and a sallow, ugly, shrunken face. Sir Andrew Clark, Bart., the illustrious and fashionable doctor, and Mr Gladstone's medical adviser, is a small man. Audran, composer of "La Mascotte," is said to be a "tiny" man. Sir Arthur Sullivan is, as all the world knows, a solid and substantial, but very short, gentleman. Robert Louis Stevenson, the author of "Treasure Island," is a little delicate individual. The proprietor of the *Daily Telegraph*, Edward Lawson, is a stout, comfortable, ruddy-faced gentleman, hardly approaching middle-height. Algernon Charles Swinburne, the poet, is another example of large mental, combined with inconsiderable physical, proportions. Canon Knox-Little, a wonderfully-powerful preacher, is yet another specimen of a tremendous mind placed in a feeble and insignificant frame. Mr Stanley is particularly short.

Painful enough must have been the memories of the Empress Eugénie on her visit to Paris recently without any special reminder of her changed fortunes; but, unfortunately, the tidal train from Calais, by which the Empress Eugénie travelled, entered the station as a working-class crowd was going to catch the Saint-Denis train. Judging from the attitudes of a courier and some gentlemen that an illustrious personage had alighted, and thinking it must be the German Empress, who was to have arrived early in the evening they crowded on to the platform. The Empress Eugénie was recognised and mobbed. She looked blanched and tired, and seemed at first startled to see such a dense throng of laughing, and very grimy faces. A rush was made after her, and the two private carriages in waiting for her and her little suite were in a moment quite surrounded. The women were more bitter than the men when memories of 1870 were evoked. The Empress Eugénie, in the different previous visits paid to Paris during the Republic, has been the visitor of the Duc and Duchesse de Mouchy, but she is now the guest of Baron de Raimbaud, formerly equerry to the Emperor Napoleon III. He was acting in that capacity when he saved the Emperor Alexander II. from being shot in the Bois de Boulogne by the Pole Berezowski.

QUIPS AND CRANKS.

"And he kicked you into the street—weren't you mad?" "No, not mad; but I did feel put out."

Josh Billings says: "Before arithmetic was invented people used to multiply on the face of the earth."

What is the difference between a summer dress in winter and an extracted tooth?—One is too thin and the other is tooth out.

The question asked by a hospital physician was, "How many deaths?" "Nine." "Why, I ordered medicine for ten." "Yes, but one wouldn't take it."

When Lord Erskine heard that somebody had died worth two hundred thousand pounds he observed, "Well, that's a good sum to begin the next world with."

"John," said the minister, "will you take this woman to be your wedded wife?" "Now, here, parson, what's the use of asking questions like that? What do you suppose I am after; a divorce?"

A Clerical Error.—Merchant: "So you want to attend to the correspondence. Have you had much clerical experience?" Applicant: "Well, I've got a brother who is a preacher. I'm not a cleric myself."

Briggs: "There is one thing I admire about your wife, if you will permit me to say so. She is always so outspoken." N. Peck: "She may be out-spoken, but I must say I never knew her to be out-talked."

A boaster in an hotel was telling of the many sections of the country that he had visited. A fellow at his elbow asked: "Have you ever been in Algebra?" "Oh, yes," said the boaster, "I passed through there on top of a stage-coach about a year ago."

A Clergyman to be Trusted.—"John," said Mrs Cumso, severely, "you went to sleep in church this morning." "Yes," replied Mr Cumso, "but I know that Dr. Choker is thoroughly orthodox, and there is no necessity to stay awake and watch him."

A wife was complaining bitterly of her cruel husband. A friend advised her still to treat him kindly and gently, and thus heap coals of fire on his head. She replied, "Ah, that will not do, for I have tried two kettles of boiling water on his head, and he's no better."

Yearling bride: "Mr Jones, I have always been in the habit of indulging in the last word, and I do not wish to change my habits at this time of life." Mr Jones: "Well, dear, I have been praying for about a year that you would finally come to that delicate word. I'm weary and would rest. Simply speak it."

POLONIUS AND HIS LOST CHANCE.

"Polonius was a splendid bit of character work." "Yes, but he had his drawbacks. When he started off and said, 'Neither a borrower nor a lender be,' he lost the best chance in the world to show off his wisdom." "How's that?" "Why, he should have gone on and said, 'but if thou must do one or the other let it be borrowing. There's more money in it.'"

A REMEDY.

Travelling in a Pullman car to Brighton, a gentleman fell asleep, and snored with such intense volume of sound that everyone in the car was seriously annoyed. Presently an old gentleman approached the sleeper, and, shaking him, brought him out of his slumbers with a start. "What's the matter?" he exclaimed. "Why, your snoring is annoying everyone in the car!" replied the old gentleman kindly. "How do you know I'm snoring?" queried the source of the nuisance. "Why, we can't help hearing it!" "Well, don't believe all you hear!" replied the stranger, and went to sleep again.

DETECTING AN IMPOSTOR.

An Ohio physician was examining conscripts for war. One day a German was brought before him to be examined. "Doctor," he said, "I am not fit to go to the war; I am all crippled with rheumatism." "Where?" enquired the doctor. "In my right arm. I can only raise it just so high"—raising it about two inches with apparently great effort. "Well," said the doctor, "you have it pretty bad; you certainly cannot go to war in that condition. How high could you raise it before you got rheumatism?" "Oh, so high," said he, raising his arm high above his head. That was just what the doctor expected; who, giving him a push, sent him away without exemption.

GIRLS YOU HAVE SMILED AT.

There's the girl who's fast and horsey, and the girl who uses slang,
And the girl who dyes bright yellow a burnt sienna bang;
The girl who goes to races, and who dotes on making bets,
And the girl who's fond of Zola, and of smoking cigarettes;
The girl who goeth churchward quite five times a day in Lent,
And whose lighter thoughts are ever towards Tahiti missions bent;
And the girl who's daft on waltzing, but who never has learned how;
And the girl who once—well, never mind, she is your sister now.
There's the silly, stage-struck damsel who dotes on matinees,
And other bores, to mention whom would take us many days;
Still they're rather inoffensive and their silliness don't hurt;
But the angels please defend us from The
Girl
Who
Wears
a
Shirt.

GERTRUDE E. KING.

THE BOY AND HIS PA.

A middle-aged man, whose face bore the imprint of that great household virtue—patience, leading a little boy by the hand, elbowed his way through a crowd at a circus. "We'll sit here, Jimmie, where we can see everything," said he. "Now we are all right." The boy gazed in astonishment at the vast crowd, remaining silent for a few moments, then said, "Papa, papa." "Well?" "When will the showman come?" "After a while." "Do them men over there with the horns belong to the show?" "Oh, yes." "An' does that man standin' there by that pole own the show?" "No; that's a town marshal?" "What's a town marshal?" "A man that arrests people." "How arrests them?" "Puts them in gaol." "Will he put you in gaol?" "Oh, no." "Why." "Because I haven't done anything." "But you could knock him down if he tried to put you in gaol, couldn't you?" "I suppose so." The band struck up, and the performance began. The boy, becoming all eyes for the time, lost his tongue. "There's the clown," said the father, but the next moment regretted having said anything, for the boy wanted to know what was a clown. "Why, he's the man that makes the people laugh." "Will he make me laugh?" "I think so?" "Why?" "Hush, now, and look at the ring." "What's the ring?" "That er—that round place out there. Look at the lady on the horse." "Does mamma ride that way?" "Of course not. What do you mean?" "Last night when you came home you told her every time you stay'd out late she got on a high horse." "Listen, now. The clown's going to sing." "What for?" "Hush!" "Why?" "If you don't hush I'll take you home." A few minutes of silence followed. One of the clowns said something, the audience roared, and the boy, turning to his father, asked why the people laughed. "Laughing at what the clown said." "What did he say?" "I don't know." "What made you laugh, then?" "Hush!" "Why? What is the man sayin'?" "Announcing the concert." "What's the concert?" "A show." "This show?" "My gracious alive; if you don't hush I'll take you home. I never saw such a boy in my life. You are worse than the nettle-rash!" "What's the nettle-rash?" "It's—it's—oh, I don't know." "What made you say I'm worse than it for, then?" "Are you going to hush?" glaring at the boy. "Yes, sir." "Well, see that you do, now." After a short silence the boy broke out again concerning the man who sold song books. "What does he want to sell them for?" "For money." "To buy candy with?" "Ah hah." "Has he got any boys?" "Great Cæsar! Didn't I tell you to hush?" "Who is Cæsar?" "A man. Hush!" "A showman?" "Ah, hah," abstractedly. "Could he jump over a horse?" "Yes"—musingly. "Did you know him?" "Ah, hah." "Did I ever see him?" "Yes." "Does mamma know him?" "Know who?" arousing himself. "Cæsar." "No, no. What are you talking about?" "Do you like him?" "Come on, now; we are going home." "What for?" "The show's over." "Are you going to stay to the concert?" someone asked. "Not if I can help it," the father replied. Shortly afterwards a perspiring man, leading a "hang-back" boy, might have been seen walking across a lot. The man sighed deeply, and the boy asked—"What made you do that?"

READING FOR LADIES.

Feather trimmings may well be worn with light spring-like hats when floral trimmings look entirely out of place.

Floral collarettes, bands, and boas can easily be made at home by anyone possessing some taste, a little patience, a length of broad thick satin ribbon, and the flowers. These must be sewn carefully on the ribbon; a little practice soon makes perfect.

Flowers seem to be getting dearer and dearer every day, and yet the florists have no cause to complain, for never were sweet blossoms more worn and utilised for ball-room and dinner-table decorations than now. I am glad to note that the trade in cut flowers is passing more and more into the hands of women and girls.

Mr Watts, the artist, says:—"No lady can be well and beautifully dressed if what she wears outrages Nature's intentions in the structure of the human frame. Such outrages are a waist like a stove-pipe, shoes that compress the toes into a crumpled mass of deformity, and, it might even be added, gloves that confine the hand till it looks little better than a fin.

Ladies may be interested to learn that the newest bonnet is made entirely of gold passementerie; it is trimmed with gilt feathers or golden filagree flowers, and has no strings. Naturally it is most effective on dark hair, and is a special fashion with ladies of the brunette type of beauty which is now declared to be the latest style.

The spring hats for the most part are large and fantastic, and fancifully trimmed with possible and impossible flowers, jewelled net, and coloured passementerie. Flowers are still holding their own, though it may be questioned whether later on bright colours will be supplied by flowers or the more novel and brilliant effects produced by jewelled nets and trimmings. No doubt for some little time to come, anyhow, feathers will still be worn to trim fancy straw, net, and lace hats.

A "Cleopatra craze" appears to have set in. Milliners are using snakes in every form—gold, jet, and silver. Many are composed of the elastic metal which recalls the white snakes of our childhood that emerged from a wooden box as soon as it was open, and apparently stretched to an unconscionable length. These snakes surround aigrettes of lace formed of upstanding pleatings, upright bows, and even feather aigrettes.

Dancing girls are in fashion just now. One of our most graceful dancers, Miss Sylvia Grey, is teaching several of her fellow actors the graceful art. Among her pupils are the ever young Miss Ellen Terry, her son and daughter, and little Minnie Terry, the child actress, who is a niece worthy of her clever aunt. The refined dancing of Miss Letty Lind, Miss Sylvia Grey, and a few other ladies on the London stage, probably suggested to Mr Jones his idea of a drawing-room dancing girl.

Coiffures could hardly be plainer than they are at present, and even for grand occasions the aim is to keep all ornament in close neighbourhood to the head, instead of its mounting on high or standing out sideways. The Greek style is much worn by those who have enough hair to twist it in an easy knot, or by those who do not disdain to supplement nature. But there is an immense diversity. Many women cover the entire head with tiny rouleau curls, others again wear the classic knot to cover the back of the head. The Catogan will be worn as the season advances, falling low on the neck, but not hanging on the shoulders as heretofore.

It seems that jewels are to be worn more than ever this season, and girdles and net skirts, thickly studded with coloured gems, hold the foremost place among evening attire. The more glitter and sparkle that can be massed together the more is the toilette considered in the height of fashion, and the wearer to be congratulated. The latest introduction of jewels—if report be correct—is down the three seams of the glove on the back part of the hand!

Mrs Stanley thinks the American woman the brightest and most independent in the world, and that English women rank next to them in these respects. American women, according to the explorer's handsome wife, get their own way more than Englishwomen do; and she intends to copy them in this respect, and prevent her husband from going to Africa again. Mr and Mrs Stanley, together with Mrs Tennant, who has accompanied them throughout their American tour, expect to be in England again in April.

So far as dress goes, Lent is being little observed this year in London. Bright colours (red, orange, blue, and various shades of green and mauve) are much worn, as they were before Ash Wednesday, and only a few High Church devotees affect the sombre garb of the penitential season. The bright spring sunshine which London has been enjoying for the last three days makes it difficult, too, to tune one's mind to Lenten mood. Everyone is feeling the relief from the almost unparalleled horrors of the past winter; and bright faces to match the bright dresses are the order of these first days of spring in the shopping resorts and in the Park, which begins to look quite gay, especially at Church Parade on Sunday mornings.

Girls who either do not care or whose purses will not allow them to invest in the traditional white wedding dress should make a special point of choosing something durable, handsome, and plain in cut and colour, for a bride is always sorry to have to put aside her bridal gown after having worn it only a few times. A charming costume made by a West End dressmaker to be worn by a doctor's daughter as a wedding dress was composed of green cloth; the plain round skirt was edged with three tiny rows of black braid, and the cut-away jacket bodice opened over a loose waistcoat of ivory silk, which was exchanged for one of tight-fitting tan suède after the wedding breakfast was over.

The idea of reforming girls who are "morally deficient," by initiating them into the technicalities of the blue bag and the wash tub is being formulated by Lady Frederick Cavendish, who is establishing a permanent laundry, where we may get our linen washed "on Church of England principles." This admixture of spiritual purification with the soaping of shirt fronts, albeit somewhat incongruous in euphony, has the merit of being a well-meant effort to reclaim a class of womanhood sadly in need of a helping hand and the sympathy of their more fortunate sisters.

There is very little doubt that all the shadings in heliotrope will be pretty generally adopted throughout the earlier weeks of the season, both for millinery and dresses. Dress materials are commencing to sell well, but the commands run principally upon pale grey, fancy Cheviot tweeds, or fawn mixtures in homespuns, and are being ordered in double widths, being more suitable for the prevailing style of dress. Violets are being, as usual, very much adopted for millinery purposes, and also for the decoration of evening dresses in place of ribbon, bows, and girdles, and they are being used, also, in lieu of feather boas for theatre wear. This pretty idea is also extending to hyacinths, lilies of the valley, and other similar flowers, and in many cases real flowers are being used for these tasteful ornamentations.

Fashions in flowers for this season's drawing-rooms will be of somewhat original character. Modistes have hitherto complained that some of the effect of exquisite fit was lost by the size of the posy carried. The new bouquet will prevent this. It is gracefully named "a shower of flowers." The tendency will be drooping until the whole of the front of the gown is covered with blossom and foliage even to the hem of the garment. Another, also constructed to favour the designs of the dressmaker, will be arranged quite flatly at the side next the gown, so that it can be carried close to the figure, the loosely-settled blooms showing prettily all round. A "handful of flowers" will earn its pretty name, being so made up that the stems will show under a handsome tying of ribbon or velvet. The "Empire" posy will have chains of small blossoms falling in graduated lengths over the front of the dress. Of all these the "shower of flowers" and the "handful of flowers" will, without doubt, be the most popular.

Hats and bonnets as flat as pancakes are evidently the decree of Dame Fashion. A disc of black chip or black lace or cased tulle, with perhaps a lace edge, is transformed into a hat by the addition of a bunch of flowers, a jet ornament, and a bow of ribbon, or a feather tip, and an osprey, arranged high at the back, and the inevitable velvet ribbon ties arranged to tie under the chin. One such hat has as its trimming a couple of bows of wide ribbon, one in apple green, the other in gold tinsel. Bonnets are certainly trifles light as air, and, but for the jet ornament which usually forms part of them, would not withstand the lightest breeze of April. Spring flowers, or jetted tulle mounted on coronels of coloured velvet, tinsel, or jet, are among the apologies for bonnets. Nearly all have velvet ribbon strings.

THE GATES OF EDEN.

By ANNIE S. SWAN, Author of "Aldersyde," "St. Veda's," "Across Her Path," &c., &c.

CHAPTER XIV.

DESOLATE AGE.

"Will you come over to Auchtermairnie, Miss Bethune? The master is ill, and there's no one to do anything for him."

"Oh, it's you, Will," said Susan Bethune, peering out into the darkness, and discerning the figure of the foreman at Auchtermairnie standing by a horse and trap outside the garden gate. "What have you brought the horse for? Is my brother so ill that I must go with you to-night?"

"Indeed he is. He's been complaining, you know, since before the harvest; but it was standing in the potato field yesterday in the wet that laid him up. It rained all the afternoon, and he was so anxious to get the work done that he wouldn't go home."

"Deil take the man! he's crazy about work," said Susan Bethune, a trifle testily, for she was by no means inclined to leave her own cosy fireside so late on a raw November night to share the cold comfort of Auchtermairnie. "Is he in bed?"

"He is now. He had to lie down, for he couldn't stand. He's all pains. I fear he's finished this time."

"Well, he's an old man now, and he hasn't been cared for since Margaret died," said Susan in a matter-of-fact way. "Wait till I rake out my fire and put two or three things together, for I'll have to stay till to-morrow, anyway. Can you not leave the horse and come to the fireside a while? It's a cold night."

"No, she'll not stand. I'll just wait," said the man; and Susan Bethune, with a nod, disappeared indoors. Still active despite her seventy-three years, she made herself ready in an incredibly short time, and, well wrapped up, took her place in the dilapidated milk-cart, which still did duty as a gig at Auchtermairnie. The animal, a fresh young filly of Peter Bethune's own rearing, rattled them rapidly over the ground, and in less than half an hour they were in Auchtermairnie. A feeble light flickered through the dirty panes of the kitchen window, the only sign of life about the dreary house. Susan Bethune got out cautiously, and, grasping her carpet bag, marched into the house, sniffing as she went, for the close, musty smell seemed to catch her breath on the very threshold.

"Well, I'm here, Peter," she said, as she entered the kitchen. Receiving no answer, she set down her bag and approached the bed.

"Are you sleeping, Peter?"

"No; I wish I was," came in a feeble voice from under the clothes, then a violent fit of coughing shook his exhausted frame, and made him almost gasp for breath.

"Dear me, that's a dreadful cough. What do you mean, you old stupid, standing in wet fields till you get your death? I'm sure you have plenty of this world's goods to serve you all your time now. You might let the thing alone. Are there any candles in the house?"

"No; but there's the stable-lamp behind the door; but if you put a bit of stick on the fire it will make light enough."

Susan Bethune paid no attention to his suggestion, but took down the stable-lamp, lit it, and brought it to bear on the sick man's face. She was touched by his haggard and miserable appearance, but her pity turned to indignation as her eyes lighted on the grimy sheets and blankets which covered him. She was a sworn foe to dirt in every shape or form.

"Well, just lie still till I get the kettle boiled, and I'll give you a warm drink, and put a poultice on for that cough; and the time the kettle's boiling I'll get clean things for the bed, if there's such a thing in the house. The doctor will be here in the morning, and it would be a disgrace if he saw you as you are."

"I'm not needing a doctor, Susan. It's only a cold."

"Will must ride over to Leslie for him the first thing in the morning," continued Susan, just as if she had not heard his feeble remonstrance. "Now you may as well keep quiet, because if I'm to be here I'll do as I like. Dear me, such a house!"

It was no wonder that Susan Bethune heaved a prodigious sigh as she gazed round the kitchen, which was wont to be so clean and snug and cosy, both in her own and Margaret's time. It was a dirty, dingy, smoke-discoloured place now, with cobwebs hanging here and there and everywhere, and the dust lying thick on everything which was not in daily use. Taking the lamp in her hand, she went away to the parlour to seek some clean bed-linen, and she shivered as she entered the close, damp-smelling place, which was in worse condition than the kitchen. She had difficulty in opening the drawers, as they were swollen with the damp; but at length she succeeded, and finding what she sought returned to the kitchen, and piled up peats and coals on the fire till her brother turned uneasily in his bed and asked why she was so lavish with the fuel. But she paid no heed to him, only hung up the sheets close to the cheerful, strong heat, and proceeded to prepare some peculiar kind of gruel, for which she was famous in the Star. It had never been known to fail to relieve cold. When the wretched old man was made warm and comfortable, and had drunk a bowl of the gruel, he felt much relieved, and fell into a sleep which was only disturbed at times by his cough. Susan Bethune, after considerable trouble, managed to push the old sofa from the parlour to the kitchen, and, throwing off her dress, wrapped herself in a warm shawl, and lay down in front of the fire. But she could not sleep; it was so strange to be once more at the old fireside, and the place seemed to be peopled with memories and phantoms of the past. They were not all sad memories; and yet the old stock was getting far reduced, and the chances were that very soon there would be another family in Auchtermairnie, and the name of Bethune would soon be forgotten in the place. It was a matter of regret at times to Susan Bethune that neither of her brother's sons had elected to follow in the way of their forefathers, and yet she knew that they were better to follow after their own inclinations than to take up an occupation for which they had no love. Then her thoughts centred upon her own boy, as she always thought of Jamie in her heart, and she gave herself up to visions of his future, which was to be great and grand far beyond her comprehension: for there was nothing to which Jamie might not aspire and attain. Her love and pride and faith in him were what made life sweet to her now; indeed, she had nothing else to live for. His constant thought of and consideration for her were also things passing sweet, for though he was busy in his new way of life, he was never too busy to write his weekly letter on the appointed day, and he never forgot to send her the earliest copy of anything of his own which had found its way into print. It would be impossible for me to attempt to analyse or describe the strange commingling of reverence, love, and wonder with which the old woman regarded these printed pieces. They were carefully read and reread by herself, lent for one night to the kind interested friend, at the Knowe, then wrapped in a silk handkerchief and laid beside the lavender-scented linen in her own box. A wonderful place was Susan Bethune's box; its whole contents, of no mean value, were intended for Jamie's wife, should he ever take one. She was thinking of old times, reviewing her own life and its changes since she had gone for the second time to make up her home in the Star, when her brother woke up and asked what o'clock it was.

"Near twelve," she answered, without rising. "Do you want anything?"

"A drink of water. Oh, woman, it's as if there was a burning fire in me. There's something wrong," he said, uneasily. "Take off some of those sticks and cool the place."

"It's not hot, man," said Susan, bringing him the water, which he drank feverishly, and asked for more; but she refused to give it until the doctor should come. "I fear it's going to go hard with you this time, Peter!"

"My time's perhaps come; yet I'm not very old, only seventy-seven. Margaret's first husband was ninety when he died, and old Saunders Law in the Star eighty-six."

"Ay, but, lad, they took care of themselves," said Susan, briefly. "How often have I warned you not to wear yourself out as you've been doing all your days."

"Well, well, I had to work or the place wouldn't pay," said the old man, playing restlessly with the fringes of the counterpane. "What about John's sons? When did you see that silly creature Jamie? Is he in the poorhouse yet?"

"No; he's in Glasgow getting two pounds a week as a reporter, and money for other things, too," answered Aunt Susan with quiet pride.

"Well, I'm sure he's not worth it. It would suit him better to drive a pair on Auchtermairnie yet. It'll be a strange thing when there's not a Bethune in Auchtermairnie."

"Ay, but we can't help it. The laddies have other work to do," said Susan, with a little sigh.

"Well, you'll write, or get somebody to write to Sandy in the morning. He had better come through and see after things. They'll all go to him."

"Is your will made, Peter?"

"Oh, yes, it's made."

"And does the minister get all?"

"Yes. I told Jamie that unless he stayed at home he wouldn't see a halfpenny of my money, and I'll keep my word."

"But what about Margaret's laddies?"

"They've got all they're going to get," replied the old man with a grin. "They got the Anstruther property divided when Margaret died, and there's no more for them."

"But her daughter, poor lassie—her that's a widow at Leven; you might do worse than leave her a hundred or two. Margaret didn't come to you empty-handed, anyway. You got a deal more than the Anstruther houses."

"That may be; but I deserved something for marrying her. She wasn't good looking," said the old man with a wretched attempt at a smile. "I'm weary now, Susan. Oh, I wish it was morning! If you would go away and not speak so much to me, I might get a sleep."

"You're always the old man yet, Peter; as stubborn as a mule," she answered. "Now, see, keep the clothes about you. If you don't do as I bid you. I'll go back to the Star with daylight, as sure as I'm here."

(*To be continued.*)

A CARD.—An Important Discovery is announced in the *Paris Figaro* of a valuable remedy for the weak and weary constitutions, physical exhaustion, and kindred complaints. The discovery was made by a missionary in Old Mexico. The Rev. Joseph Holmes, Bloomsbury Mansions, Bloomsbury-square, London, will send the prescription, free of charge, on receipt of a self-addressed stamped envelope. Mention this paper.—ADVT.

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By MISS BRADDON, Author of "Lady Audley's Secret," "Like and Unlike," "The Day Will Come," &c.

CHAPTER XXV.

CRUEL AS THE GRAVE.

Leon Duverdier and his cousin were alone in the drawing-room. Dolores looked at her cousin, stifled a yawn, and walked slowly towards the bell beside the chimney-piece.

"I am sure you don't expect me to be inclined for conversation at this late hour, Leon," she said, coldly; "so, if you'll allow me, I'll order your carriage."

"Please don't take that useless trouble. I have no carriage. I came in a cab, and dismissed it. I shall walk back to my hotel."

"You are not at your old address?"

"No; I am staying at the Hotel St. Lazare for a night or two. I am only in Paris as a bird of passage. I sail next week from Havre—for Buenos Ayres."

"I hope you will be more fortunate there than you appear to have been here," said Dolores, calmly.

He was dumbfounded by the coolness of her reply. Could so brief a separation have worked such a change in the woman who only a few months ago had obviously adored him? He was silent for some moments. The tone of his reply was constrained.

"I congratulate you on the wisdom of your course since I left Paris," he said; "you have only followed my advice. I often told you that Perez was devoted enough to marry you, if you played your cards properly."

"Yes; he is devoted—which is strange—and I am grateful, which may seem even more extraordinary."

"And you are happy, I suppose?"

"Yes, I am actually happy; but I hardly realised till to-night how pleasant it is to be the wife of a millionaire."

"I am glad you have found out the value of wealth—and that your experience has been on the sunny side of the question, and not its dark side. I know the value of money from the lack of it—but I am now on a sure road to fortune—I have a better chance and a finer opening in Brazil than I ever had in my life——"

"I congratulate you," said Dolores.

"But I cannot grasp this golden opportunity without a certain capital in hand. Money makes money, Dolores. A man must sow the golden seed—if only a handful of gold dust—before he can reap the golden harvest. Fortune is at my door, if I can let her in; but I must first find the key that will open the door."

"Your conversation really abounds in allegories," replied Dolores; "but though the variations are new, the tune is always the same. No, Leon, I cannot provide you with the capital for your Brazilian venture. I mean to be a loyal wife to Pedro Perez, and I will do nothing underhand or secret—nothing that could awaken one jealous doubt in his mind. I know enough of his character to know that with him jealousy would be terrible."

"Then you will do nothing for me. You are wallowing in wealth, and you will not lift your finger to help me."

"Oh, yes, I will do much more than lift my finger. Your new venture is to be made in South America, where my husband is a power. He knows every inch of the country—every speculation and enterprise that has been made there. I will introduce you to him, and ask him to help you."

"And you think he will help me?"

"Yes, when I plead for you."

"I cannot wait for such a slow process as that, Dolores. I know what these old men are, and how long they deliberate before they will trust a young man with a thousand pounds sterling, even if he could buy the philosopher's stone for the money, and offered to share the profits of the transaction. I want money at once, Dolores. Can't you understand that two or three hundred pounds to-night would be worth a thousand next week? And I know you must have as much as that."

"I have not the tenth part of two hundred pounds," answered his cousin coolly. "I have everything in the world I can wish for, but since I have been Pedro's wife I have had hardly any money. I am Madame Perez. The name is enough. I can order anything I want from any tradesman in Paris, and my name is all I need give in exchange. Pedro pays all the bills as fast as they come in. I have nothing to do with money; so you see if I were ever so willing to help you I couldn't do it."

There was a pause, during which the man who called himself Leon Duverdier took two or three turns up and down the room, in troubled meditation. Then he stopped suddenly, and confronted Dolores with a frowning brow.

"It is mere idle sophistication to talk to me in this strain," he said. "You can help me if you like, and you know it. If you have not bank notes or louis d'or, you have money's worth. You have jewels which I could turn into immediate cash at the Mont de Piété. I only ask for the loan of a few of your gewgaws, those you value least, that I may raise money upon them for a month or so. Will that do for you?"

"No, it will not. I will not trust you with one of my husband's gifts—indeed, I dare not. Pedro remembers every jewel he ever gave me, and asks me from time to time to wear particular ornaments. I should be disgraced if I could not comply with his request."

The argument which followed was long and angry. Leon grew desperate as he found Dolores firm in her refusal.

"You had better not goad me too far," he hissed in her ear, as she shrank from him, with her back against the angle of the low marble mantelpiece, and her hand stretched towards the bell. "It is a very small thing I have asked of you. Yet the consequences of your refusal may be more disastrous than you can foresee. I may be tempted to throw up the sponge, and to let the world know some secrets in my life, and your mother's share in them. That revelation would be a worse disgrace for you than the loss of a diamond necklace."

He was gone, leaving Dolores mystified by his parting words, but not greatly alarmed. It seemed to her that those words were an idle threat; and that all she had to do was to stand firm in her duty to her husband, who was powerful enough to protect her from her kinsman's malice. There was nothing in her past relations with Leon which could bring evil to her in the future. She had loved him with a sentimental girlish fancy, which had been fostered by the monotony of her secluded existence. Now that she had begun to taste the sweets of life, and to understand the omnipotence of wealth, she looked back and wondered at her girlhood's idle fancy.

"How could I have ever been blind to his selfishness and meanness?" she wondered, when the outer door had closed upon her cousin.

The servants, who had been supping luxuriously in their own quarters, now appeared, sober and serious of aspect, apparently intent upon the safe adjustment of locks and bolts, and the putting away of stray valuables.

The footman drew aside the plush curtains, and shut the wide plate-glass window, which fastened in the usual manner of French casements, and it may be that under the influence of truffled turkey and champagne he was somewhat uncertain in twisting the long brass bolt into its socket.

"Is all safe?" asked Dolores, listlessly, as she took up her ostrich fan, and moved slowly towards the door.

"Yes, madame."

"Then you may go to bed, all of you."

"Madame will require the services of Elise at her toilette?"

"Not to-night. Tell her to bring me my chocolate at ten to-morrow morning, and on no account to disturb me before that hour."

Now that the tension of supreme excitement was relaxed Dolores felt tired to death. She could hardly crawl up stairs to her luxurious bedroom, and she was far too weary to submit to the somewhat oppressive attentions of a highly trained lady's-maid. She had but just strength to unclasp her jewels—her necklace of matchless pearls—the stars and clusters and hearts and horseshoes of diamonds, emeralds, and sapphires which studded her bodice, the crescents which flashed from her dark hair. She was just able to take off all these splendours, and to drop them in a careless heap upon her dressing-table; and then she exchanged her silken garment for a loose muslin peignoir, threw back the satin-covered eider-down, and flung herself upon her bed, overcome with sleep.

All was still upon that upper floor. Pedro Perez was sleeping the tranquil slumber of the man who knows that all his investments are safe, and that some of them are yielding him fifteen per cent. Madame Quijada was sleeping the heavy sleep of senses drugged with chloral. The servants had crept up to their attics in the elegant Italian roof—that these cubicals were cold in winter and hot in summer had but little disturbed the rest of the architect who planned the villa—and on all eyelids in the house sleep lay heavy; save in that one modest chamber where Louise Marcet lay in her narrow bed, and turned upon her pillow from time to time in the long intervals between her brief slumbers. The time was when the tired work-girl's night had been a night of a single sleep; but since that perilous malady in which reason had been nearly wrecked in the agonised brain, Louise had never known what it was to enjoy long and tranquil slumbers. To-night her nerves had been shaken by the noises within and without the house, the din of talk and laughter, the rattle of silver and glass, the loud music of a brass band playing waltzes and mazurkas, the sound of singing, and the roll of carriage wheels.

Darkness closed round the villa in the Bois in those chill hours between night and morning, bitter cold in the garden outside, but tempered within these walls by the *calorifere* in the basement. There were only two lamps burning in the house—one, the coloured glass lanthorn in the hall, where the lowered gas gave a subdued glimmer that made the shadows blacker on the staircase and landing; the other, the little antique silver lamp that hung above the bed where Dolores lay in the happy sleep of youth and health, and a heart at ease.

Not a sound in that sleeping household, save the striking of various clocks, with more or less musical chime. Five o'clock! Yes, there is another sound. As the hammer falls on the gong for the fifth time there is the sound of a window opening softly and slowly on the ground floor. Then a pause—and then the cautious opening of a door—another pause, and again another sound, the stealthy tread of lightly-shod feet on the velvet pile of the staircase.

Louise Marcet hears those sounds faintly in her sleep. Are the servants going down already? It is early for them, considering the lateness of the hour at which they went to rest. She is sleeping somewhat more deeply than usual, worn out by the noises that kept her awake till an hour or so ago. It is her habit to rise when the servants go down in the morning, to be as early as the earliest of the household, and to see that the day's work is begun betimes—but this morning her senses are dull, she mixes the sounds of those footsteps with a confused dream of the past. It is a summer Sunday morning, and her kindly neighbour is coming to call her, that she may be up and dressed and away to the station of St. Lazare, to meet the kindly Englishman, for that promised excursion to Marly le Roi.

Fond dream of days long vanished. Fancy bridges the dismal gulf of years, and the grave where her lover lies; and she hears his voice and sees his face again just as she heard and saw him more than twenty years ago.

Suddenly the face fades, the voice is silent. She starts up in her bed shuddering, her blood turned to ice at the sound of a woman's shriek—either of fear or pain. She springs from her bed, throws on the peignoir that lies ready in the chair close by, and moves out to the landing, and to her cousin's room. The door is open, and in the dim light of the night lamp she sees a white figure lying on the carpet, face downwards, and standing by the dressing table she sees her brother engaged in thrusting the heaped-up jewels into his pockets. While she stands in the doorway, transfixed, he crams the last of the ornaments out of sight, and turns to leave the room, without one look at the prostrate form near the bed. He recoils with an angry oath at the sight of Louise.

"Stand out of the way," he says savagely, "or I'll settle you as I've settled her."

"Thief—murderer."

"Bosh! She's only stunned. It'll be worse for you than for her if you don't hold your tongue. Let me pass, I say."

"Not with those jewels in your possession," she says, facing him fearlessly. Before he can prevent her she has locked the door and put the key in her pocket.

"Thief and murderer—your first crime has gone unpunished because my voice has not been lifted up against you—but there shall be no second crime that I can hinder. I am trusted in this house, and I will guard my cousin's property. If you have killed her your life shall pay for hers. You shall not leave this room till you have given up those jewels, and until I see if she is living or dead."

She moves towards the figure on the ground, and as she does so he looks around and grasps the situation. There is no other way out of the room. The only other door stands wide open revealing the interior of a bath-room in which there is no door—only a great marble bath and white panelled walls. He grasps Louise by the shoulder, and snatches the key from the wide pocket of her dressing gown.

"Stand aside, and keep a quiet tongue in your head," he whispers, threateningly; and then as she clings about him, clutching the collar of his coat, holding him with all the force of excitement that has reached fever pitch, he sees her head flung back and her lips parting in a cry for help. Another instant and she will raise the house. A cruel blow from his clenched hand stifles the cry upon her whitening lips, and then the same deadly hand snatches a knife from his breast pocket, a knife that opens with a spring.

A thrust, and another, and then he grows mad with rage, the blind, unreasoning fury of a savage beast, as the lips still strive to cry aloud, and the eyes still stare at him wildly, and the clinging hands still hold him, and so another, and yet another thrust of the murderous knife, till one last gurgling sound escapes from those distorted lips, the stare grows fixed and dull, the fingers loosen, and the bleeding form falls at his feet.

He unlocks the door and runs down stairs, splashed with her blood, a sister's life blood, and creeps out by the way he came in, stealing through the empty tents, spurning the fading flowers, as he dashes out into the cold night, through the silken draperies that mark an opening in the canvas.

He did not mean murder when he entered the house, least of all a sister's murder; but he meant plunder, and he has secured the booty. At daybreak he will leave for Dunkirk; from Dunkirk to Holland, where he will dispose of the gems, minus their delicate Tiffany settings.

Just at the last moment he remembers that he must hide the blood upon his clothes. The stains are darkest and biggest upon his shirt and waistcoat, as his victim clung about him in the death struggle.

He creeps back into the house, finds some overcoats hanging in a vestibule, and takes an Inverness, which is just long enough to hide his figure to the knees.

This precaution is unlucky, for in going out into the garden he falls into the arms of a gens-d'armes, who, riding quietly by in the night silence, had noticed the opening of the little door in the marquee. The gens-d'arme dismounts, and waits to see who will emerge from that mysterious little door at a quarter past five in the morning.

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